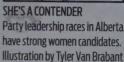
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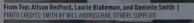
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PARTY LEADERSHIP RACES IN ALBERTA HAVE STRONG WOMEN CANDIDATES

BY ANGELA BRUNSCHOT

Alberta could have ■ woman premier after the next election.

The Progressive Conservatives, Alberta Liberals, and the newly formed Alberta Party are all undergoing leadership contests, and each one has a woman contender.

Alison Redford, the former Alberta justice minister, is a strong candidate for the Tories with both international and cabinet experience. Laurie Blakeman, a 14-year opposition veteran, will contest the Liberal leadership. Even the new kid on the block, the Alberta Party, has a woman interim leader – Sue Huff. Huff can't run for the leadership, but the Alberta Party does have a woman candidate in the relatively unknown Tammy Maloney. And of course, the Wildrose Alliance already has the media-savy Danielle Smith at the helm.

Comparing that to the federal scene, where Elizabeth May leads the Green Party as the only national party with a woman leader, and she can't even get into the leaders' debate, Alberta looks like a veritable haven of gender equality.

So what has changed since 2008?

When the last provincial election was fought, there were no women leaders in the race.

In interviews with Redford, Smith, and Blakeman, all three women noted some kind of a generational shift. Women of their generation have grown up in a different era, and now have different expectations, they say.

Linda Trimble, a University of Alberta professor and well known for her book, Still Counting: Women In Politics Across Canada, agrees that there has been a normalization of women in politics, but that's hardly the whole story. Women leaders are lifted up and torn down for a number of complicated reasons, and there's plenty of drama still to unfold before Alberta has a new premier.

THE FRESH FACE

After the election of Christy Clark in British Columbia as the Liberal leader and defacto premier, friends and acquaintances started approaching Redford telling her that she now had a better chance of winning the Progressive Conservative party leadership and going on to become premier of Alberta.

These comments struck her as a little funny. After all, what did she really have in common with Clark, other than gender?

"There is this perception out there that if there are winds of change in the air, then that's a signal," says Redford

Alberta is experiencing some huge political shifts right now. On the right, the Wildrose Alliance is making the Tories fight for small c-conservative votes. Then there's also the newly formed Alberta Party trying to pitch a big tent in the middle. It's possible all the parties see the shake up as an opportunity to widen their appeal.

There is a history of parties selecting women leaders to create an appearance of change or newness, says Trimble. Kim Campbell taking over the federal Tories in 1993 is a prime example of adding a woman leader to an already sinking ship as a last ditch effort to revive their chances at the polls. But it tends not to work out for either the party or women in general,

"People ask what it is about the candidate's gender that makes them different," she says. "If they adopt a rhetoric of gender difference, then that comes back to bite them."

When Campbell talked about doing politics differently in that federal election, it was the "kiss of death"

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Sorting Out Just What This Election Is About



WITH 25 DAYS TO GO. DEBATE OVER DEBATE **DOMINATES WEEK 2 OF** FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

BY MAURICE TOUGAS

The question of who should participate in the televised leaders' debate got most of the attention in Week 2 of the federal election campaign.

ISSUE DU JOUR

The big debate in Week 2 of the

of Twitter chicken, challenging each

campaign was about, well, debates.

The consortium of major TV net-

works (CBC, Radio-Canada, Global,

decided that only parties with MPs in the House of Commons would be al-

lowed to participate in the televised

debates April 12 (English) and 14

That decision eliminated Green

Party leader Elizabeth May, whose

party is not represented in the

House. That brought about the same

howls of outrage that greeted the de-

bate format in the last election, that

resulted in the broadcasters giving in

This time, however, the consor-

tium - which sets the rules for the

debate - says since the Greens don't

have member in the House (they

Still with debates, Stephen Harper

and Michael Ignatieff played a game

had one last time) it won't budge.

and letting May participate.

tal misconception that women care more about these issues, and espe-

CBC comic Rick Mercer offered to host a one-on-one debate, which Ignatieff accepted, and Harper de-

BOY IN THE BUBBLE

Stephen Harper, never very cosy with the media, is really ticking off the travelling press corp by only agreeing to answer five questions from the media daily, while Michael Ignatieff and Jack Layton hold open-

Last Thursday, the media's questions were mostly about why he refuses to answer more than five questions. He refused to answer the

PROMISES, PROMISES

The Liberals released their en-Sunday, available at www.liberal.ca. drop business tax rates and provide \$4,500 in tax credits for new hires, and leader Jack Layton took aim at what he called the "tarsands" industry, vowing to end \$2 billion in federal subsidies to what he called "Canada's dirtiest energy sources". The Conservatives vowed to eliminate the long-gun registry.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

It appears both the Liberals and the Conservatives believe the leaders of their respective rivals are less popular than their parties. The Conservatives have taken to using the term "an Ignatieff-led government" instead of Liberal, and the Liberals like to use the term "Harper regime" instead of

MUSICAL CANDIDATES

In Ontario the NDP candidate in Elgin-Middlesex-London withdrew behind the Liberal candidate.

And a former Liberal candidate has thrown his support behind a

In Missaissauga-Erindale, a former NDP candidate withdrew his nomination in the riding and threw

EDMONTON CAMPAIGN

It took a while, but the Liberals fi nally found a candidate for the hotlycontested Edmonton-Strathcona riding. Matthew Sinclair, a 20-year-old experience, will fly the flag for the Liberals. NDP MP Linda Duncan and Conservative Ryan Hastman are waging a pitched battle for the only seat in Alberta that is not Tory blue. All four parties have candidates in place in the eight Edmonton ridings.

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that scared everyone off, she says.

"Typically, you see women candidates not playing the gender card," says Trimble. "It's a very risky busi-

It's an odd contradiction, but party members and the voters in general may want the appearance of something different, but are unwilling to risk gender-based differences.

NANNY STATE

One of the big obstacles for women leaders is the preconceived notion that they will bring in a 'gender agenda,' says Trimble. There's a fear that a woman leader would bring in set of policies that benefit women. These typically include big spending so-called "nanny state" programs such as education, health care and social welfare as well as aspects of the women's movement such as equal pay, abortion on demand, and child care

Smith is the exception that proves the rule, she says, as hard right candidates often escape this kind of bag-

One of the big barriers to women leaders is negative media coverage or coverage that trivializes their candidacy. During the Wildrose leadership race Trimble analyzed the media coverage of Smith, and found that the opposite was true.

Indeed, the coverage was so positive it was almost unbelievable, she

"She's not perceived as a woman who will cause gender trouble," says Trimble. "Whereas NDP or even slightly left-leaning leaders, there's a worry - are they feminists? What are they going to do to us?"

A fair amount of sarcasm drips though her lips as she speaks, suggesting that fear of feminism is a little antiquated, but these are concerns for women leaders.

Of course, Smith says it's a to-

But she points also out that as a mother of an elementary schoolaged daughter, she does indeed bring a different perspective to the table,

who I am and what I think and what I struggle with on a daily basis. Those things are different than men's expe-

That's not to say that Redford isn't

leaders - male and female - hold

"My expectation is that as we proceed in this race, that there maybe comments about - 'Oh, that's the way women lead. Of course she says those things because she's the woman candidate," she says.

None of the candidates are counting her wins just yet. Trimble and many others are watching to see if these women candidates turn into women leaders.

For now, it's up to the party members to decide what leaders Albertans have to choose from in the next election

I THINK 20 YEARS AGO WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT WOMEN IN POLITICS, WOMEN WERE ALL ABOUT BEING THE MAN IN THE ROOM. I DON'T FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO BE THAT.

cially that women in general think government is the best way to deliver on those goals.

"I'm certainly not someone who advocates for a national or provincewide daycare program and I won't," she says. "I don't think the state should be stepping in, biasing decisions of families. I think child-care options are very personal decisions and have to be made at the family

But Trimble's assessment of a perceived gender agenda does ring true for Blakeman, leadership candidate for the Alberta Liberals

"I consciously work against that. I won't accept the children services portfolio," she says. "It is a black hole for women politicians."

When a woman takes on children's services, there's an expectation that she will work harder on it than anyone else, she says. That expectation does not extend to men. This extra work means the woman politician isn't out in her constituency, isn't completing her caucus work, and doesn't put themselves forward to chair a commission. The extra expectations mean the rest of her carun again or loses in the next election, Blakeman says.

Redford takes a different tact than both Smith and Blakeman. She says the right-wing personal choice argument is an over simplification, and doesn't acknowledge the complexity and that's a good thing.

"I'm not afraid to say that. I think 20 years ago when we talked about women in politics, women were all about being the man in the room," she says. "I don't feel like I have to be that. I prepared to be honest about

aware of the optics of being 'the woman candidate.' In the upcoming Tory leadership race, she intends to pitch her ability to collaborate and build consensus as a different kind of Tory leader. In her experience working internationally, she says the best



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WE CRIED, WAITED FOR THE BUS AND WENT HOME. I WAS JUST REALLY CONFUSED AND EMBARRASSED

-University student Awish Asiam talks about being kicked out of the Conservative rally in London, Ont., because of a Facebook picture of her and Michael Ignatieff, as quoted in The London Free Press.

DEBATES ARE MUST-SEE TV FOR VOTERS

On April 12 and 14, the four federal party leaders will meet in the pivotal events of the 2011 election, the English and French dehates

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper will be in the crosshairs of Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, New Democrat Leader Jack Layton and Bloc Quebecois Chef Gilles Duceppe in a game of high stakes televised political poker that can make or break a campaign.

While it seems unlikely that the election (which is clearly Harper's to win), will turn on the debate, it can, and has, happened.

Election debates have provided pivotal moments in campaigns, beginning with the first, the 1960 presidential debate between John Kennedy and Richard Nixon. The TV savvy Kennedy appeared young and healthy, while Nixon, with his trademark six o'clock shadow and sweaty upper lip, looked shifty. Radio listeners thought Nixon won the debate, but on TV, it was no contest. Kennedy won the election by just 112,000 votes, or 0.1 per cent of the popular vote, so it's entirely possible that the first TV debate cost Nixon his first try at the presidency.

A single mistake in a debate can sink a campaign, In the 1976 debate between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, Ford cemented his reputation as a bit of a dirnwit when he proclaimed that there was "no Soviet domination in Eastern Europe", when in fact Eastern Europe was almost entirely under the boot of the Soviets. Even when no mistakes are made, debates can create images that can sink or save a campaign. Ronald Reagan was a master at folksy charm, always making his Democratic rivals appear stiff and dull. In his debate with George W. Bush, Al Gore came off as arrogant and petulant, rolling his eyes and grunting dismissively at

Bush. John McCain didn't help his campaign with his aimless wandering around the set in his debates against Barack Obama, a trait which became comedic fodder for Saturday

At home, one debate turned the tide in an election. In 1984, John Turner and the Liberals were well ahead in the polls against Brian Mulroney and the PCs. Patronage appointments by retiring prime minister Pierre Trudeau were a big issue, and Turner's stumbling defence of the appointments ("I had no option,") opened the door for the theatrical Mulroney to lambaste Turner. Mulroney went on to win one of the biggest victories in Canadian political history. In the 1988 election, Turner rebounded with a ringing declaration that free trade with the U.S. would turn Canada into an economic colony. While Mulroney won the election. Turner partially redeemed himself for his 1984 fiasco and painted himself as the champion of the anti-free trade side

With the players following their scripts, and with the unwieldy format of four leaders, it is unlikely anything truly dramatic will occur. But for Liberal Leader Ignatieff. the debate provides his first opportunity to make unfiltered contact with the Canadian voter. While Harper and Layton are known commodities, Ignatieff is still a bit of a mystery, a leader whose public perception has been shaped by the barrage of negative ads from the Conservatives.

While ignatieff seems to have the most to win. Harper certainly has the most to lose Frontrunners always do. Harper can't win a charm offensive, so he will likely attempt to sell himself as the steady hand on the ship of state. It should make for must-see TV. in both languages.

CURATOLO ME

'Uh, That's Not My Gauntlet'



OUTSIDE POLITICS MAURICE TOUGAS IGNATIEFF AND THE LIBERALS SHOWING SIGNS OF LIFE AS THE HARPER CAMPAIGN STUMBLES

Quebecers attitudes towards Alberta, Leger Marketing poll done for the Montreal Economic Institute, margin of error plus or minus 3.1 per cent.

BY THE NUMBERS · ALBERTA-OUEBEC RELATIONS

61% of Quebecers have a positive image of

710/0 of Quebecers consider the development of Alberta's oilsands to be desirable



Last Saturday, the Edmonton Oilers - dead last in the NHL, riding an 11-game losing streak and fielding a lineup that qualified as NHL calibre only because they had the league logo on their jerseys - went to Vancouver to face the first-place Canucks. It did not bode well for Katz's Klowns, as a rout of epic proportions was expected.

And yet, the Oilers won, perhaps their most unexpected victory since they made it to the cup final all those years ago.

Let's apply this story to the federal election arena. The Conservatives are the Canucks; well ahead in the polls, smug, and not afraid to play dirty. The Liberals are the Oilers; miles back, under new management (again), and coming off three

So, could it happen? Can Michael Ignatieff's Liberals/Oilers pull off the upset of all upsets and topple Stephen Harper's Conservatives/Canucks? Well, could it?

Let me answer my own question. Nah. No chance. This game is over. The Conservatives will, without a doubt, win the majority of seats on May 2. The only way Stephen Harper can lose this election is if he announces he prefers soccer to hockey, switches from Tim Hortons to Starbucks, and releases Clifford Olson from jail on compassionate grounds. And even then, it will be close.

But with Canada's recent pizza parliaments, winning and losing are not so easy to define. Harper might win the election, but if he doesn't get a majority, he'll be seen as a loser. Let's call it a win/loss. Ignatieff might lose the election, but if he prevents a Conservative majority, he'll be seen as a winner. Let's call it a loss/win.

While the Conservatives have shown no signs of losing support, the Harper road show has not been the juggernaut so many expected.

Look at the campaign so far. The Conservatives began with what they clearly thought was a winner of an issue, the possible coalition between the Liberals, New Democrats and Bloc. But that backfired when a little

bit of simple digging revealed that Harper appeared more than willing to enter into a coalition with the Bloc and NDP when he was Opposition leader. The coalition line of attack was dropped.

Then came the debate debate. After Harper suggested he and Ignatieff go at it a mano-a-mano (or nerdo-a-nerdo), Ignatieff immediately jumped on the offer, saying "any time, any place". Harper, like a schoolyard bully challenged to a fight, backed down. Basically, Harper threw down the debate gauntlet, Ignatieff picked it up. accepted the challenge, and Harper said, "Uh, that's not my gauntlet."

There has been a grudging acknowledgement in the media (with the exception of the Sun papers, whose support of Harper is shameless) that Ignatieff is running a very good campaign. He's wading into crowds, shaking hands (and sometimes being rebuffed), and giving impressive, often fiery stump speeches. Maclean's magazine, which has tilted strongly right in recent years, has expressed surprise that Ignatieff is doing as well as he is. On Sunday, when the Liberals released their party platform, CTV News Ottawa bureau chief Craig Oliver praised Ignatieff for giving "a bravura performance

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Nuclear Power Just Has Bad Public Relations



STRAIGHT DOPE CECIL ADAMS IS NUCLEAR POWER SAFE?

In my office, I am exposed on a daily basis to the ramblings of one individual about how nuclear power is safer than fossil fuels, wind power, and just about anything else you can name. Amongst his claims: Ageadjusted cancer rates in countries with nuclear facilities are not any higher; in fact they are notably lower Ukraine and Belarus, which received the majority of the Chernobyl contamination, have higher life expectancies than the other former Soviet republics. Wind emits three times the amount of greenhouse gases that nuclear power does. Decommissioning a wind-power site is as least as expensive as decommissioning a nuclear plant and disposing of the waste. I realize this is an atomicsized request, but I would love to get to the bottom of this. -Jason Constantine

Someday the nuclear power industry is going to wise up and hire me as their spokesperson, because I've got the attitude of cheerful realism the iob demands

Vague assurances, pleas to remain calm - that's not going to cut it after what Japan's been through. Next time meltdown is imminent, I'll walk to the podium and state confidently, "Folks, quit worrying. If history's any guide, not that many people are going to get killed."

It's true. Nuclear power basically has a bad PR problem stemming from the unfortunate multiple uses of fission technology. No nation has searing memories of the devastation caused by a coal bomb. Nukes, on the other hand . . . 'nuff said. But even in the worst-case scenario, you're never going to get war-scale casualties from a reactor accident.

Let's talk about that worst case -Chernobyl. People today remember the 1986 meltdown of Reactor 4 in what was then the Ukrainian SSR as an unmitigated calamity. Bah. Had the thing been spun properly, the nuclear power industry would have come out smelling like a rose.

Chernobyl's planners and operators did almost every possible thing wrong, combining poor design with outrageous human error. The plant had no containment building to pre-

an accident. The reactor design was inherently unstable - in most reactors, when the cooling water overheats and turns to steam, power output drops; at Chernobyl, overheating water meant power rose. Not good, but not yet disastrous. Then, one fateful April day, technicians purposely disabled the backup cooling system, removed most of the control rods, and switched off the power to the main cooling pumps to see what would happen.

What happened was that (duh) the reactor overheated, power output shot up to a hundred times normal, and the lid blew off the core, which then exploded again and caught fire. The exposed core burned for 10 days. spewing radioactive dust and smoke Radioactive materials equal to 200 times Hiroshima and Nagasaki were released. Fallout spread around the northern hemisphere, settling most heavily on parts of Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia inhabited by five million

So, after this carnival of incompetence, what happened? Thirty-one people died soon after the accident, most of acute radiation exposure, with perhaps a few more in the years since. More than 100 others suffered radiation injuries. Some 6,000 cases of thyroid cancer have been diagnosed in Ukrainians, Belarusians, and Russians who were under 18 at the time, many likely stemming from radiation exposure via milk contaminated with radioactive iodine. However, only 15 deaths had been reported as of 2005 - thyroid cancer is readily treated. There's evidence of increased leukemia and cataracts among recovery workers who received higher doses, but no health effects otherwise. (Experts project an eventual 4,000 additional cancer deaths among the 600,000 people most exposed - i.e., an increase of a few per cent beyond the 100,000 cancer deaths you'd expect for this group.) An irregularly shaped "exclusion zone" of about 1,700 square

vent radiation release in the event of miles around the plant remains offlimits to human habitation, 220,000 people had to be permanently relocated, and agriculture is restricted, but vegetation and wildlife for the most part have thrived.

That's about it. Talk about blown opportunities. An astute nuke spokesperson might have said: Look, here was a five-star fiasco and the confirmed death toll is about the same as from 12 hours of U.S. traffic accidents. Is that an outstanding safety record or what?"

OK, your columnist is being sarcastic. Still, while I don't have space for the complete comparison of nukes vs. everything else you're looking for, consider a few more numbers. Each year, on average, 35 U.S. coal miners are killed and 4,000 are injured. In China, 2,600 coal miners were killed in 2009, following 3,200 dead in 2008. (Recent U.S. uranium mining deaths: zero.) Coal-burning power plants release close to three times as much radioactivity as nuclear plants. I focus on coal because it's the one other energy source we can count on to deliver a big piece of predicted rising demand, but even solar cell manufacture involves toxic waste production.

Point is, there's no risk-free way to do this. Is radiation sickness or cancer a horrible way to die? Yeah. So is black lung.

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in laying it all out. The Liberal leader was on top of his game as he batted back reporters' questions for half an hour on every miniscule detail of his substantial party platform."

While Ignatieff has been open with the media, Harper is doing everything in his substantial power to alienate the press corps. He takes only five questions a day, and sometimes refuses to answer them. (I will never understand why a politician would deliberately piss off the media). Every step he takes is just like his hair - nothing is ever out of place or left to chance.

It seems to me that the Liberals are doing a much better job of framing the election narrative. The Liberals (effectively usurping the New Democrats) are the family friendly party, while the Conservatives are spending billions on useless fighter jets and building prisons to put more Canadians in jail. Now that the coalition bomb has fizzled, the Conservatives seem to be having trouble finding a new target. By releasing their policy document in full so early in the campaign, the Liberals have given the Tories something to shoot at. But of course, if the Tories don't bring out their own policy book (they didn't in the last election), they leave themselves open to the 'what have you got to hide?' challenge. My guess is that the personal attacks on Ignatieff,

which worked so well in poisoning the well against the Liberal leader, will get uglier.

Elections are funny things, though, with their own ebbs and flows. While the Liberals appear to be on the ascendancy, with signs of upticks in the polls (mostly at the expense of the NDP), things can change in an instant. If the Conservatives feel threatened in any way, they will revert to their wounded animal strategy, and come out with malicious intent. No Canadian political party has used negative advertising quite as effectively as the Conservatives have, so expect plenty more.

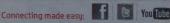
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The Appearance Of Choice

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URBAN MOM ANGELA BRUNSCHOT HARPER'S INCOME SPLITTING JUST A TAX BREAK FOR HIGH INCOME EARNERS, COVERED BY A CRAFTY POLITICAL PLOY

Let's play alternative history. Let's say that back in the 1960s when Tommy Douglas was fighting to bring in national health care, he buckled under the pressure and instead decided to offer Canadian families a lump sum each month as well as a tax deduction to pay for health care.

Where would that leave you and your family in the present day? Well, if you are in the upper echelons of Canadian income earners, you might be OK. In that case, you'd be taxed enough to get some money back and make enough to save ahead for medical emergencies.

For the vast majority of us on the other side though, our quality of life and overall health would suffer. In my own personal case, in this alternative version of history, my son's birth and related medical expenses would have bankrupted my family.

Even knowing the full value of Canada's social safety net, I was still intrigued by the Conservative's income splitting plan, which would allow parents of children under 18 to split up their income. This would put them in a lower tax bracket, and they'd get a bigger tax refund.

As the mom in a family with two spouses and one income, this program is aimed squarely at me. If this was Harper's pitch to women, I was willing to listen. But sadly, income splitting is a tax cut for the wealthy, not families in general.

The rhetoric of choice, the idea that one parent should have the option of staying home rather than paying into a national child-care system is deceptively attractive, says Armine Yalnizyan, an economist with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

"It's an incredibly crafty political ploy," she says. "It puts this perfume in the air for every young parent that longs to spend more time with their family, smells it and thinks: 'Maybe this could work for me.'"

The problem is, unless one person in your family makes really good money, you won't see much ben-efit. According to the Conservatives, a family with a sole breadwinner making \$70,000 will see about a \$2,000 difference in their taxes. Now, \$2,000 isn't anything to sneeze at, but does it mean a parent can stay home? Of course not. I spoke with parents from different income groups, and the general response I got was that their choices are already made. A tax break won't meaningfully change their situation.

Nor does the tax break reach those who really need the help. Single parent families and low-income families with two parents working for low wages both get nothing, because they have little income and no one to split it with.

"If you have \$2.5 billion to spend, why would you spend it on the people that need the least help?" Yalnizyan asks, "The one's that have the most choice?"

If Harper really wanted to help "working families" who wanted to have one parent at home, then he would also be talking about living wages. Only when a family can truly live on one wage will parents have ■ real choice about child care.

But Harper has already seen success with a similar kind of program. The Universal Child Care Benefit "to support all parents and to respect their right to choose the form of child care that is best for their family," to quote a Conservative media release, gives parents \$1,200 per year, per child.

Whenever I hear the word "choice" attached to child care like that my teeth grind and my knuckles clench. Many parents would jump at the chance to stay home and spend more time with their children. But while the Universal Child Gare Benefit does provide welcome relief for low-income families, again, \$1,200 a year doesn't replace an adult income.

So let's play alternative history again. What if the Conservatives put the money from income splitting, which cost about \$2.2 billion in 2007 when it was first studied, into subsidized child care instead? Where would that leave you and your family?

For some, admittedly, you might be in exactly the same place. People chose to stay at home or go to work based on a huge number of complex personal factors, some of which have nothing to do with income.

But for the vast majority of parents who do work, a child care system, with the government monitoring and increased capacity that entails, that would make a huge difference in the everyday lives of parents and children.

And even those who still choose to stay at home will see benefits. For each dollar Canadians invest in child care, we reap \$2 down the line, Yalnizyan says. It means that another parent is working and paying taxes, as well as educational and health benefits for these children far into the future. These factors benefit the entire society.

Those are the benefits of a social program rather than a tax cut. Let's hope Canadians can see that come May 2.

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Do You Really **Trust Harper?**



HIDDEN NINJA FISH GRIWKOWSKY **EVEN THOSE WHO** ADMIRE HIS POLITICAL CRAFT-INESS STILL FEAR THE **FEDERAL CONSERVATIVES**

"I don't agree with Obama on everything - but I respect him and I trust

- Ed from North Carolina Monday morning I got an email from Barack Obama. Well, let's be honest - it had his name on it as sender, but if I wrote him back asking WTF re: Guantanamo Bay, chances are zero he'd be getting back to me any time

Now you may have hoped for Expo and disagree with me wholeheartedly, but that's completely all right, because I'm not ultimately here making a case for Harper. And, hey, don't forget all the money the Conservatives threw at Vancouver and their Olympics, around a billion dollars in security alone! This, right around the time he decided sports and the arts are actually under the same "culture" umbrella, following the moment he lost me forever by jabbering on about how artists and their "rich galas" don't resonate with "ordinary people."

The hoped-for divisiveness and hypocrisy of that attitude! First of all, how many "ordinary people" could get past security at the blacktie events Harper hangs out at, talking business and policy? I also seem to recall him being at certain Olympic VIPs. Not that he shouldn't be at them, by the way - the man is our

I DISLIKE THE ULTIMATE PROSTITUTION OF THE ARTS

TO TRY AND TRICK THE FEDS TO PAY FOR LRT EXPANSION

Anyway, within the email's easy reach was a savvy, heavily constructed video featuring a church and two shots of an American flag in the first couple seconds. Then, sitting on a porch, a blue-eyed, middle-aged fellow named Ed who, despite all the manipulation here, finally crystallized what I like least about our minority government prime minister up here in spacious Canada. Trustworthiness

Because, much more than a lot of you, including most of my friends, I have admired the cunning and downright sneaky gotcha politics of Stephen Harper - as an example, how he made the "Quebecois people" a distinct society by merely saying it. Nice dodge. Harper, more wisely than a number of our city councillors, has also taken a sensible pay-for-it-yourfucking-self stance on billionaireowner sports-facility funding. Not to mention refusing to bankroll the Expo bid, which disappointed numerous developers around town, to be sure. But Expo 2017 stands to me as artifice standing in for culture, a hundreds-o'-millions-plus fake magnifying glass creating a sacchatriotism whackoff. Everyone knows projects like this are a shell game to get federal funding for infrastructure - but I dislike the ultimate prostitution of the arts to try and trick the feds to pay for LRT expansion, as an example. If they're going to help with either arts or trains, let them do it on the face value of each.

leader. But to use this language in an off-the-cuff remark means he's either stupid, which he's not, or manipulative, which comes back to trust. Incidentally, most arts galas are actually fundraisers, dorkus.

All this aside, Harper was smart enough to not dismantle Paul Martin's bank regulation, and has even given him credit for it. But complaining from the right about a coalition of the left, never mind that Harper said coalitions were OK if he does them, is sneaky and politicking? Come on. This kind of move is Harper's specialty: proroguing Parliament to suit his strategic purposes, giving lip service to Quebec but nothing else, pledging more openness then limiting press access ... and of course refusing to reveal cost details on the prisons and jets, which got him the unique Contempt of Parliament badge to sew onto his sash. This, right above a general erosion of the nation's standing on the global stage both in terms of blue-helmet peacekeeping, which we INVENTED, and Harper's deliberate, only-moneymatters evangelism to other leaders against environmental caution in a shifting global climate no one fully tion as much as possible. What could possibly go wrong, Mr. Harper?

As much as I've admired the chaotic nerve of some of his actions, I

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POINT OF VIEW - HEALTH

Welcome To Allergy Season



HOLISTIC HEALTH ROBERTA SHEPHERD CHANGING YOUR DIET CAN BE A **GREAT WAY TO AVOID COMMON ALLERGIC REACTIONS**

Spring has always meant renewal and rejuvenation to me. As the first bit of soggy grass emerges from beneath the oppressive snow piles, I pursue new directions. I feel excited and motivated. While a majority of you certainly share my sentiments, a great many of you may have pockets stuffed with soiled tissues, squinting under the estranged sunshine due to itchy, watery eyes - the hallmarks of

I imagine pharmaceutical companies love spring. With antihistamine sales skyrocketing at the start of the season, how could they not? While antihistamines alleviate allergic symptoms, they don't address the root cause of allergies.

Allergies are an over-reaction of the body to a substance that is otherwise considered benign. The most common allergens in humans are milk, wheat, corn, eggs, soy, peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish and other seafood. Other well-known allergens include dust mites, pet dander and different pollens in the air from spring to fall.

Conventionally, an allergy is defined as a physiological reaction that is somewhat limited to the immune system. Here's a very basic conventional overview of an allergic reaction: an allergen is encountered, the

immune system produces abnormally high antibodies to protect itself against what it perceives to be # foreign invader, chemicals like histamine are released, causing reactions in the body. These reactions are experienced as symptoms of an allergy like itchy and watery eyes, sneezing, runny nose, shortness of breath, wheezing, hives, skin rashes, bloating, abdominal discomfort, vomiting, diarrhea or even anaphylaxis which can be fatal.

Dr. Carolee Bateson-Koch is a naturopathic doctor, chiropractor and author with a PhD in nutrition. In her well-known book, Allergies: Disease In Disguise, Bateson-Koch proposes that allergies are more than a dysfunctional immune system. According to Bateson-Koch, the immune system reacts with oversensitivity due to repeated insults to the body. These include frequent and extended exposure to allergens, use of prescription drugs, use of infant formulas (this is because infant formulas are usually in a base of cow's milk, which is highly allergenic), illness, stress and toxic exposure. The presence of allergies is also influ-

Early signs of an allergy could be as subtle as bloating, fatigue, headache or a runny nose. Failing to explore the cause of these signs (seeking to discover the allergen) and continuing to consume the allergen will produce a progression of symptoms. This is because when your body is having an allergic reaction, nutrient absorption is diminished. Without proper nutrient absorption, your body is depleted, setting the stage for more serious symptoms.

A great way to avoid and heal allergies is to focus on a well-rounded diet. One of the reasons why foods that are eaten regularly such as corn, eggs and wheat can be so highly allergenic is precisely because they are eaten so regularly. As explained by Bateson-Koch "When you eat a food frequently, you are calling on When this eating pattern continues over days, weeks and years, you may create an enzyme deficiency for that food." Eating a diverse diet with plenty of raw and lightly cooked fruits and vegetables and a variety of naturally occurring grains, protein and fat sources is your best bet.

If you're already suffering from allergies, consider embarking on a detoxification program to cleanse and unburden your system. Further, supplemental enzymes are awesome for a sensitive digestive system, while pineapple and papaya contain natural enzymes. Taking probiotics helps to re-establish bacterial balance in the lower digestive tract, enhancing the function of the immune system and improving digestion. Give your over-worked immune system even more of a boost by eating foods rich in vitamin C or taking supplemental vitamin C. Avoid foods that contain artificial colours and preservatives. Consider stinging nettle herbal supplement, renowned for it's use in cases of allergies.

As always, please use herbs under the supervision of an experienced herbal therapist. If you are having extreme allergic reactions, please consult your doctor.

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DINING - REVIEW

A Magnificent Display Of Meat, General Excess



THERE'S LOTS OF TASTY EATS AT PAMPA, BUT THE SERVICE STILL ISN'T UP TO PAR

PAMPA BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE 9929-109th St., 780-756-7030

BY SCOTT LINGLEY

I want to say right off the top that I wish Pampa Brazilian Steakhouse great success and longevity. Edmonton, though notoriously wellequipped with restaurants, deserves one just like this: a flat-rate cavalcade of premium spit-turned meats, complete with five-hectare salad bar, exotic starchy sides constantly replenished at your table and shmancy adult libations, in an effervescent atmosphere of entitled chaos.

A friend of mine has been talking up just such a paradise for going on five years, a Brazilian restaurant he'd found instances of in three different American cities that had plied him with such gorgeous food and seamless service he teared up just thinking of it.

For five years he told me about the little plastic disc they give you – green on one side, red on the other. When you're ready to eat, you flip the disc to green and a small ninja army of skewer-bearing servers appear at your elbow with razor-sharp blades to slash succulent slats of grilled fleshes from every corner

THE TAB: \$45 PER PERSON (FOOD ONLY)

THE GIST: WINNING CONCEPT NEEDS A LITTLE TWEAKING TRY THE: MEAT!

of the known meativerse onto your waiting platter.

So when he heard that just such an establishment was opening in Edmonton where once stood Mirabel, he practically insisted we round up the gang for a big feast that would celebrate all the birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions we'd let slip by in preceding months.

Nine of us signed up in all, though Pampa was already doing such frenzied business they needed 10 days of advanced warning to accommodate us.

Pampa's dining room is vast and stylishly spare, with discrete splashes of eye-catching red, big colourful photo art and high ceilings that conspire with concrete floors and other hard surfaces to amplify the festive din.

Some of my party were already in good spirits (ie: had indulged in preprandial cocktails) when we arrived, and were keen to maintain their merriment with a round of the house caipirinhas — a Brazilian concoction of lime and other fruit muddled with sugar, doused with strong booze and topped up with fizz — in advance of the serious eating and drinking.

The passage of time before we saw our waiter allowed a few of us to notice that there was no music playing in the restaurant and, though we agreed this would only have thickened the ambient noise, to subsequently tease our server about turning up the tunes a bit.

More time passed until drinks arrived, but things finally seemed to be well underway an hour or so after our arrival

The salad bar was, as legend held, DINING cont'd on p. 11



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LETTER

There was a great article "If It's Too Loud, Are You Really Just Too Old?" by Scott Lingley, published on March 31 2011, issue #905.

I agree, it is a problem and many people often ignore it.

Myself, I just can't hear well with earplugs.

Maybe trusting Mr. Larsen's product will be
the right choice for me

However I'd like to point out something else — how come the column had a huge Melechesh picture for his article and wrote such a tiny review for the gig? I was there and it deserved a much better focus.

Second, even though Mr. Lingley adores Melechesh, how come he wrote so little about the headliners, Rotting Christ? The band has released nine full-lengths since 1988, they deserve being written about. The name? Oh. come on. It's 2011 already!

We, metalheads (not "knuckleheads") and our favourite bands (not just Megadeth) don't receive enough coverage.

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DINING (cont'd from p. 10)

astonishing, offering up all the expected green salads, vegetable salads, es, cold cuts, dips, pickles and assorted comestibles you could imagine. I particularly enjoyed the hummus, the coleslaw with apples and tuna, and a nice shredded carrot salad with cranberries, as well as the large slices of just-ripe mango. But I stayed my hand before a second helping in anticipation of a massive meat-slide.

The red-green discs proved superfluous as the various skewer-bearers just went around the table asking everyone what they wanted - our table was so covered in plates, side plates and glasses of various utility that they were hard to see anyhow.

In almost no time I'd tried three kinds of beef, including the succulent rare-roasted rump steak known as picanha, some pork loin and a whole chicken thigh wrapped in bacon.

The skewermen doled out reasonable portions per serving to enable you to try everything, which was good as there were still chicken drumsticks, cumin-scented pork sausage and roasted lamb making the rounds. Every chunk of meat I received was exquisitely cooked and the beef was treated with a simple seasoning of coarse salt that let the natural flavour show through. This on its own is all the reason a meat lover needs to give Pampa a shot.

My prior experience of picanha was that it's served with a number of side dishes including stewed black tion Pampa's website reinforced. We did receive a couple of plates of fried potatoes and crispy polenta off the top, but never saw the beans, fried bananas or Brazilian cheese bread the website promised.

In fact, it seemed like after the initial deluge of meat, service to our table tapered right off, to the point where one of my co-diners felt compelled to approach our waiter about it, and that didn't instantly improve things. Some of us had gotten a late start on the salad bar, then found their big plates empty. It wasn't that it just didn't seem to be stopping at clear dishes or refill water glasses.

My friend who had had his tioned American dining experiences was getting a little cranky about the lack of attention, but that crossed over into outright indignation when our bill arrived with an 18 per cent gratuity automatically added. It's common practice for a restaurant to charge ■ set gratuity for large groups but in this case \$105 seemed high for the inconsistent level of service we'd been provided. It was just bad luck that said service was provided to a table containing both a restaurant reviewer and ■ three-decade veteran of Edmonton's food service industry, who had a lot of specific insights for the management about how things could be improved.

To be fair though, the management was very gracious and responsive to our table's grievances - they subtracted the gratuity and comped our first round of drinks, which dropped the bill significantly. After that, we were happy to add a gratuity commensurate with social conven-

What's more, we'd be happy to go back to Pampa when they've had a chance to settle in and work the kinks out of their service model. in Edmonton and the food is beyond reproach. Once they're firing on all on the list of local celebratory dining-

At least I hope so.

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10011 109th St. (780)424-6644

THE TAB: \$50 for two (food only) THE GIST: Some things change, quality remains the same at Italian standby.

TRY: Penne con salsicia (\$18.95)

9674 76th Ave. (780)989-2861

THE TAB: \$70 for two (food only) THE GIST: Enjoy the food, listen to music

TRY: Show-night special supper

West Edmonton Mall (780)489-1002

THE TAB: \$28 for one (food only) THE GIST: Surprising substance beneath

TRY: Four mushroom steak

10812 82nd Ave. (780) 988-8821

THE TAB: \$30 for two

THE GIST: Authentic, affable, affordable

TRY: Mezza for two

6509 112th Ave (780)477-2422 THE TAB: \$90 for two (with wine)

THE GIST: What are you waiting for? TRY: Lamb Koftas (\$26)

13655 St. Albert Trail (780)732-0222

THE TAB: \$30 for two (food only) THE GIST: Rising local chain gets pizza

TRY: Bella pizza with roasted mushrooms

South Edmonton Common (780)469-8180

THE TAB: \$16.25

THE GIST: A kingly burger, but at what cost?

TRY: Kingburger with cheese

10706 142nd St. (780) 451-1169

THE TAB: \$110 for two (food only)

THE GIST: Hidden gem status confirmed

TRY: Traditional fish soup

11835 St. Albert Trail (780)455-6590

THE TAB: \$28 for two (food only)

THE GIST: Solid Indian eats priced to

TRY: Vegetarian selection

8724 109th St (780)437-0077

THE TAB: \$50 for two (food only)

THE GIST: Blame not the Garneau sushi

TRY: Magic tuna

10523 99th Ave. (780)498-2992

THE TAB: \$40 for two (food only)

THE GIST: Nice house

TRY: Palak Pancer

THE TAB: \$90 for three (food only) THE GIST: Affordable extravagance -

wine is extra

TRY: Hazel nut mahi mahi with lobster

15041 Stony Plain Road (780)484-1661

THE TAB: \$50 for two (food only)

THE GIST: A Japanese delight for most of the senses

TRY: Tiger prawn gyoza and toro sushi

10247 97th St. (780)429-0808

THE TAB: \$45 for two

THE GIST: Unexpected Oasis on 97th

TRY: Lunch special

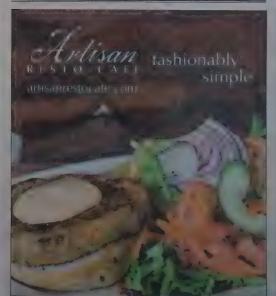
11121 156th St (780)447-3360

THE TAB: \$22 for two (food only)

THE GIST: Standard issue Viet food, only less so.

TRY: Kim Chi

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Best Cultural Institution

Best Local Blog

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I USE ALL THOSE NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES THAT I LIVED TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO ME SINCE I QUIT LIVING THAT LIFESTYLE.



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Shawn Bernard is moving today, but some of his baggage is too heavy to bear. Time is running out, his lease is up, and once again he feels like he literally has no place to go.

"Maybe I'm just being paranoid, but I feel like the last few days these places are being discriminatory," he says of his potential future landlords. "I feel like on the phone these people are really warm and are like 'yes, we'd love to have you come in and look at the place, yes look at the application.' Then all of the sudden, after they see us, they're like 'sorry, it's rented to somebody else,' and then I see the ad back on Kijiji the same night. I don't know if it's my background; maybe they Googled my name. But I tried my best to explain to them that my life has changed."

Those changes have been immense. Since winning awards like the best hip-hop video prize at the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards in 2009 for his song From 'Tha Get Go", the Edmonton bred MC who goes by the apt alias Feenix, has also kicked a deadly drug and alcohol habit that was eclipsed only by his deadliest vice - crime itself.

"I think people can get hooked on the adrenaline rush of crime. I'd see it when I was younger and I'd do b and e's (breaking and entering) with other guys," he says. "Mind you I didn't do it for the rush, I just wanted to make some money so I could get some beer and hash, party and meet some women ... I wish I didn't have to do the things I did. But the ironic thing now is I use all those negative experiences that I lived to share with people all the good things that happened to me since I quit living that lifestyle.

Bernard had plenty of incentive to change his ways. After founding a rap group that eventually turned into a high-profile gang, fiending for the same substances he was slinging, and robbing to feed that habit, he fell victim to a more brutal form of violence than he'd ever inflicted, suffering seven stab wounds in a street clash. With those wounds freshly stitched he headed back to the streets to ease his various desires, only to be arrested in 2003 in connection with another stabbing

The knife wounds and arrests pushed him, but what sent Bernard over the edge wasn't his own suffering - it was that of his loved ones. As he sat on a stiff cot, starring at the bars he was locked behind and waiting for a bail hearing, his sister died of an overdose from the same kind of junk he and his friends sold on the corners. The news of her death was coupled with troubling details about his nephews.

"Their mother was using really hard out on the streets of Vancouver. They'd go straight to a foster home (after she died), their grandmother couldn't take them, I knew nobody would step up," Bernard says of his nephew's desperate situation, which made his potential sentencing pale in comparison. "So I said, 'Let me see if I can get on that bail hearing and change my life for them.

Bernard had more than a little help taking those first steps toward sobriety. Joe Coutereille was an elder that was introduced to him through Native Counselling Services of Alberta, one of the aid organizations the soon to be professional MC enrolled in while behind bars. For young aboriginals who hope redeem themselves, Bernard says nothing can be more crucial than an elder - the hard won humility that leaves their voices gruff and their tone hollowed of judgment, their faces leathery and weathered by elements both natural and chemical after walking down the same troubled path toward the same holistic salvation that scalds them anew like the summer's sun.

As Coutereille took it upon himself to become Bernard's temperance guru, he fasted for the troubled felon as the bail hearing

The bail hearing went well, and Bernard managed to gain cus

tody of his nephews before he began writing rhymes about his hopes to maintain a purer life. Before long his tightly toned flow, laced with plush beats and juxtaposed with socially conscious themes about life on the reserve, garnered him accolades at the Aboriginal Music Awards, and Bernard aimed his gratitude at since jail, his wife and nephews, and the elder who showed faith in him. But as his reputation flourished and the champagne flowed at the awards galas, he felt his resolve slowly start to

"I can't lie, I've had a couple of drinks here and there ... being at all these fancy galas and awards; it's a whole different life than when I was living in crack houses and on the streets. A lot of people socialize and schmooze over a drink," he says of recent slip ups, which only occurred after five years of complete sobriety, and only after his elder mentor passed away. "Who knows if I used it as an excuse or if I was weak without him ... but the guilt after that just ate away at me ... (and) I know now that I have to stay strong, not only for myself but for my kids."

He's rapped about his hopes to maintain that resolve on songs like "Strong", which garnered him his second rap video of the year trophy at the 2010 Aboriginal Music Awards. But it's his latest effort that leaves Bernard most proud, an anthem for a CBC documentary about Aboriginal struggles and salvation called Learning the Path. He hopes to bolster his listeners, to push them past simply playing the victim on the track with lines like "... (they) took our schools, (but) if you wanna know your language, you can show the truth that you know you're not a savage." And as he packs his bags to once again literally find a new home, Bernard hopes that those lyrics from "Learning the Path," can also help him take the next, best step forward.

With 'Learning the Path,' that whole song says yes, there's a lot of hurt from the past. Everybody's talking about residential schools and the effects of that, some people falling into addiction to deal with that hurt, then crime and jail, the list goes on The song says yes that happened, and of course it was awful, but we gotta work on the now for the future.'

LISTEN - BY FISH GRIWKOWSKY

PANDA BEAR

Far be it from me to demand a musician make "songs," but I'm growing a softer spot in my heart for Panda Bear mostly because all that yelling down the long hall he does PANDA occasionally makes the zoo. not familiar with the band, pop harmonies in the midst

of various electronic blankets, which - I'm serious here - are to sleep. Animal Collective's Noel Benjamin you might end up trying on a song or two if you happened to have found a tinfoil ball of mushrooms left over from North Country Fair in the freezer.

Which is not to out down their digital penguin noises hopping along the shoreline. "Alsatian Dam" is a good example of the band's mastermind making something to which you could spin yourself around a dancefloor, not that his new urge to have rhythm is either everywhere oxultimately necessary as the ghosty "Scheherezade" demonstrates (another choice morsel for insomniacs). He's a creative engineer, certainly. I just might not be quite literally feline enough to fully appreciate its laser-pointer twitches

MARK TEMPLETON SCOTCH HEARTS (CASSETTE TAPE)

Speaking of cats, this experimental cassette dropped off by Mark Templeton causes one of mine to make that frustrated chattering birdwatching sound, followed by my wife coming downstairs to see what the high-pitched whine transmitting through the house was. Her ears are just that much

younger and non-Judas-Preisted than mine, which got us into a conversation about how she can hear high pitches all the time. The point of this is not autobiography but to show you the I would say artistic

> effect Templeton's clicking. moaning yet also hypnotic music had on an unknown situation. As such I appreciate it, truly, more as a series of subsequent effects than something you might pop in on a Sunday afternoon. From the fact

of hooking up the tage deck to the stereo the various shades of white noise wondering if my copy of the tape was buggered up (more on this in next review). The release of the cassette is at ARTery Saturday night with the Faunts-spawned Zweitag, \$8. I recommend you buy it as a handheld experience. My God, I believe the summer or alone in the woods would be

absolutely terrifying!

OLD SCHOOL: JOHNNY HORTON GREATEST HITS (CASSETTE TAPE)

Lcould've picked Nina Hagen now that the old magnetic tape deck is back, but I needed something more predictable after all that madness. Jesus Christ — "North to Alaska" is like a warm featherbed. What I did learn is the insane whine is my stereo. not Mark Templeton, unless of course Johnny Horton released

an experimental version of "Battle of New Orleans" designed to make birds fly into windows, not make fat rednecks sing about killing people. Welp, there's the schoolbell!

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CD - REVIEWS

PHARAOHE MONCH

W.A.R. (We Are Renegades)

(Duck Down Music) 4440

At 39, Pharoahe Monch shows no signs of slowing down. "Calculated Amalgamation" finds the N.Y. native warming up his skills, much like a prize fighter, his deftly crafted lyrics pouring over crashing drums and strings. "W.A.R." couples PM with hip hop alum Immortal Technique and features a slash-esque guitar solo from Living Colour's Vernon Reid, Channelling his inner Cee-Lo/Brother Ali, "Let My People Go" finds Pharoahe slowing down his trademark rhetoric over swirling church organ. Album highlight "Assassins" showcases PM's most creative flow, sandwiched between verses from members of hip hop's royal family, Jean Grae and Royce Da

5'9". Some may classify him as a "greybeard", but the only real sign of age is that this particular theme of a post-apocalyptic concept album is a well-worn territory. His youthfulness resides in his multisyllabic delivery, as skill that many emcees 20 years his junior could only dream of

ANDY COOKSON



DIRTY BEACHES

Radiands

(Zoo)

Usually when you hear surf rock or rock-a billy, you associate it with sunshine, fun and goodtimes. On his debut album, Dirty Beaches (Alex Zhang Hungtai) takes that concept and pulls it inside out. His music evokes the most bleak, polluted, apocalyptic, beach landscapes imaginable, with the skeletons of long dead surfers strewn about everywhere and their surfboards used as makeshift tombstones. It's pretty

interesting to hear this genre filtered through so much unsettling darkness, fuzz and noise. Some points on this album are downright cacophonous. Huntai sings with very gruff, mumbled croon, giving the album a somewhat romantic vibe, Imagine a parallel dimension where Elvis Presley was a member of Suicide and you'll start getting the picture of what Dirty Beaches is trying to offer. If you want to be inside a surfer from the '50s nightmare, Dirty Beaches is for you. PHILIP DESAULNIERS



BRUCE COCKBURN

Small Source of Comfort

(True North)

Bruce Cockburn's Small Source of Comfort is his 31st studio album and his first in six years. Included on his current tour is violinist Jenny Scheinman and percussionist Gary Craig, who also play on Small Source of Comfort, both musical heavyweights. This is an acoustic album with strong rhythms and a great mixture of Cockburn's blend of folk, jazz, rock and blues. His songs take on many themes, love,

spiritual awareness, honouring fallen soldiers, and protest. Cockburn is a world traveller and his songs come from his travels. He travelled to Afghanistan to visit his brother, Capt. John Cockburn, a medical doctor in the Canadian Armed Forces. Several songs on Small Source tell of his experiences. Track 2, "Call Me Rose," is a song about Nixon being reincarnated as a morn living life in the projects. There are 14 tracks with five instrumentals, all beautifully done. Another fine offering from the Berklee dropout. JERRY W. HENRY



TRAVIS BARKER

Give the Drummer Some

(Interscope)

I never thought rap rock could ever come back, but as long as it doesn't involve rehashing more George Michaels tunes, it deserves a chance. Overflowing with everyone imaginable from the hip-hop world (Lil' Wayne, Snoop Dogg, Cypress Hill, Busta Rhymes, etcetera to the nth degree) and a dash from the rock (Slash and Tom Morello) the record has a hard time with continuity, but tips the scale with swagger as

is Barker mashes alongside his friends and colleagues. The record has an ambience of a Cypher as two decades worth of rap stars each get a verse on the record. Hitting hard, the crew sound good as Barker builds and drops the beats in chameleon-like fashion. Bongos, snare attacks or digital smacks, the album always has the shoulders rolling as if the Dougle is trying to escape. No tree stands taller than the next, but the forest remains well watered. JASON WALLACE



WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS

Gold in the Shadow (Nettwerk)

Singing through a massive beard at a near whisper is William Fitzsimmons, back with Gold in the Shadow. less hair on his head, and even more on his chin. Fitzsimmons' third full-length is clearly his strongest yet. In comparison to older material, Fitzsimmons hasn't changed gears much, but he's honing his skills on here. The songs are tighter and better crafted. His hushed vocals are even more so this time around, possi-

bly drawing inspiration from fellow folk cult hero Sufjan Stevens. The main difference being that where Stevens may be losing his mind. Fitzsimmons is fully capable of fixing it. As a former mental health worker, Fitzsimmons' lyrics often tell stories of healing the psyche. Track five, "Psychasthenia" is a haunting little number with a repeated chorus of, "Cut me open please." It's simultaneously beautiful and

The Motorcycle Diaries



AMORIA IS A NATION WHERE THE CHEMISTRY FLOWS AND THE REGISTRATION IS FREE. MATT EPP IS EL PRESIDENTE

MATT EPP & THE AMORIAN ASSEMBLY With Brock Tyler and Jay Smith Haven Social Club (15)20A Stony Plain Rd.) Friday, April 8, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$12 at www.yeglive.ca or Blackbyrd

BY KATHLEEN BELL

Matt Epp created an empire, so he could ride a motorcycle. Admittedly, it's a little more complicated than that, but then again, nation-building always is.

"I was (in Winnipeg) a couple

templating ideas of patriotism and nationalism - ideas that seem to be becoming less and less relevant to Epp as the world becomes more connected by television, the Internet and high-speed travel. The frustration over his transportation options only served to solidify a solution of sorts: a country of his own, called Amoria.

"I could have brought Amoria in ■ direction that was very much a social as political commentary," he says. "But I really don't think a musician is the right person to get all political - that's not what people go to shows and listen to records for. They want to be inspired. The things that inspire me and the lessons I learn are

that is going to be much larger," Epp

At Dawn is his fifth release in & the Amorian Assembly. Considering both drummer Antonio Lomas and keyboardist Raul Bernal live in Spain, the addition of the Amorian Assembly wasn't about picking up a few musicians to add a little depth to the songs, it was truly because Epp found kinship in playing music with these specific individuals.

them, that magical chemistry, the sort of thing you can't explain - the feeling of adventure and romance, that you want to throw caution to the

"BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK A MUSICIAN IS THE RIGHT PERSON TO GET ALL POLITICAL - THAT'S NOT WHAT PEOPLE GO TO SHOWS AND LISTEN TO RECORDS FOR."

summers ago and I was thinking, 'you know, I would love to have a motorcycle here,' but I can't register it because to register a motorcycle for a year is, like, the cost of a motorcycle," says Epp, sounding a little disheartened even now, as he begins to explain just one small event in a series of circumstances that brought about his new album, At Dawn.

"So I thought, 'what if I had my own country and my own official documents?" he says. "Nobody could argue with me because everyone else who ever had a country just said it was and they pointed a gun at somebody who said that they

At the time, Epp was already con-

largely about love, because that's what everybody really thinks about or feels. And so, Amoria now is this thing that, largely and grandly, is called the Empire of Love - because 'amore,' the root word in Latin for love and empires in the day, and still present day, try to take over the

Featured in many of the rocktinged folk tunes on At Dawn, Amoria is easily integrated into the thread of the album - listen carenot so much a concept album as (range) of concepts and so there's

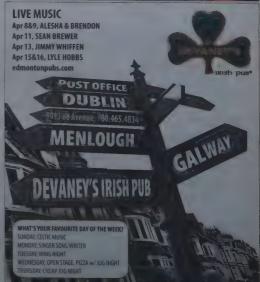
wind and run away with this person - it can happen between musicians, in a sense," he says. "We are all doing this against our better judgment because we know there is something bigger happening than just us getting to avoid other jobs. We're in it for whatever it is. And when we recognize each other, it's very much like be with for the rest of your life ro-

empire. Population: four and growing. And if you want find a home in Amoria, feel free. Everyone's welcome and maybe one day you can









POP - PREVIEW

Learning And Poetry And Music And Stereos



Pop Into Spring: Stereos play the EEC on April 7 at 7 p.m. | PHOTO SUR



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BY TRENT WILKIE

When you are doing well, the learning curve is pretty steep. Always needing to be on your toes, it keeps your mind sharp and fresh. To Edmonton's Stereos bassist Daniel Johnson, this is becoming more and

"I don't mind doing the talking," savs

all part of us ourselves. We are in the business of marketing ourselves and the product is either the album or the song. The worst part is getting asked the question about describing our music."

So, instead of having him describe their music, I asked him the next logical thing. If your music were

think the music industry works one way but it works a completely different way. People were always offering us stuff and then they wouldn't follow through. Now, we have learned so much about people. twenty minutes. That is just the way it is. It can wear you out. But we are living our dream so I get a little em-

"THE 'PERFORMER'S HIGH' IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL AND IS A PAYMENT THAT YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE TO."

■ Greek philosopher, which Greek philosopher would it be?

"It's funny you asked that because I just read a quote the other day that really stuck with me," Johnson says. "It was 'Fortune favours the bold' and I think it was by Virgil. A lot of our music is bold, especially the single 'Body Moves'. It really has that feel to it. And now, with what we are doing, we are hoping for fortune because we got bold down. We are blessed to be doing the band thing as a job; it keeps getting better and better.

Of course, with learning comes those uncomfortable 'casting couch' experiences. Almost akin to a hazing ritual, the music business can be like fraternity. You have to be savvy. hip to the jive if you will. And if you aren't at first, you better be quick or you'll find yourself on the floor of some strange hotel room with a very bad taste in your mouth.

"You learn so much doing this," says Johnson. "When I first went to L.A. with another band I was in, we were eaten alive. I used to barrassed when I'm worn out."

With all the talk of fortune, philosophy and false favours, you would think that the Stereos would be a little underwhelmed by doing show after show. But, according to Johnson, this is not the case at all. The 'performer's high' is still alive and well and is a payment that you can't put a price to.

"Success is a journey, not m destination," Johnson says. "We now do shows for anywhere from five to fifteen thousand people. The weird thing is, these are songs that we wrote on the bus from what seems like a long time ago. Seeing and hearing people sing those same songs back to you is a ridiculous feeling. It's absolutely ridiculous.

Speaking of ridiculous, I should go bone up on my Virgil. I was drunkenly trying to quote 'Aeneid' at a party the other day and it seems that my dactylic hexameter was a bit off. That is the last time I will get caught with my first century poetic pants down; I can tell you that much.

JAZZ- VENUE WORRIES

The Bursting Bubble



THE DECLINE OF JAZZ VENUES IN EDMONTON SAYS MORE ABOUT LIVE MUSIC THAN IT **DOES ABOUT JAZZ**

With spring comes change and renewal. One sign of that change is specifically and music venues in general). While ardent supporters of Suite, Jeffrey's, and the Blue Pear continue their jazz traditions, other longtime venues such as the Blue Chair, Creations, and the Copperpot have discontinued their jazz series.



Kent Sangster's Obsessions Nonet plays the Yardbird Suite April 29-30. | PHOTO SUPPLIED renewal and change, not hopeless-

Longtime swing stalwart Ritchie United Church, which has presented their "Jazz and Reflections" concert series for nigh upon 15 years now. has also run into financial difficulty with their co-sponsor, the Musicians Performance Trust Fund (MPTF), and is in very real danger of ending. I started this column mentioning

ness and gloom so be assured I will try to bring a slightly more balanced tone to the rest of this column. The most immediate and natural response when a jazz venue closes is for those within the arts community to cry "Woe is us!!!! Surely all live music is

THE DECLINE cont'd on p. 17

That's Spring In Your Step



WILDLIFE FISH GRIWKOWSKY
OH SNAP!, IT'S NO PROBLEM,
A WHITEY HOUSTON GIG, AND
WHAT'S THAT SMELL? SPRING!

Oh shit did I need that. Graeme MacKinnon's newish band No Problem has just pulled me from the brink of pulling my own fucking face off with a demolition song he sent over called "Most Days." If you've ever had one of those weeks where you don't even trust your toaster you'd do yerself a service to hear this music: looming, fun, West Coast-y punk with snarl and snap. MacKinnon leapt around in front of Wednesday Night Heroes for years, and No Problem was off the hook in Calgary and Edmonton, the singer asserts. "But for us, the best has yet to come. On April 19 the debut LP from No Problem entitled AND NOW THIS is gonna be released on B.C. hardcore label Deranged Records. I think we made a pretty unconventional hardcore punk record that has all the trimmings from classic punk."

MacKinnon's completely right about thus—it's a great mix of personal and political, "Enemies" being especially necessary in this time of totally dicklimp politics.

Sorry, man, I've been reading "plat-

forms" all day and feel like a complete alien, guilty that I can't care about gun control or daycares or if Iggy had the fucking nerve to not be in Canada his entire adult life. Who the fuck writes this stale shit?

The full album will be coming out in June, Mr. Graeme reports, but in the meantime suck up everything you can from "noproblempunx" on myspace and get the *Paranoid Times EP* at non-mall record stores near you. I might not want to see an acoustic guitar for a while, just warning you. Also in the band, guitarist Steve Lewis (High Jinks); on drums, lan Whitman (Thrashtic Fibrosis);

"Worth it?" Gravy muses. "Short answer, yes. I think that any time you play in a band and people want to come and check it out, it's worth doing. And we've been pretty fortunate in the regard. I think the only unfortunate thing is that we've been busy with a lot of other things—too many to list—to really give Whitey its fair shake. Right after the album came out, Shoutset," (by this he means Shout Out Out Out Out Out, "kinda took off. So we were both busy doing that, and the Wet Secrets were busy for a while there, too. It seems like there's always something keeping us from doing WH with our undivided

THAT'S RIGHT: GREAT TIMES, MORE CATS AND WINTER IS OVER

and playing bass with his face, Matt Bouchard (Let's Dance). The band plans to tour North America in July. "Should be a fun couple of months," says MacKinnon.

An early plug for the Whitey Houston show next, not this, weekend, in case you were making foolish plans to leave town or something. Gravy justifies the Pawn Shop gig where he shall drum, April 15. We don't hear nearly enough from the duo, so ... "Let's see. I think we're both going to be celebrating our birthdays — my 35th, Lyle's SOth — and it's our 10th anniversary as a band. I think it's actually more like 12 or so, but 10th sounds better." Opening up are the Mitts and the Vicious Cycles from Vancouver

attention, but we always come back to it eventually."

Just like uncomfortable hugs from your uncle! Just kidding Whitey rocks Fuck your uncle.

Last weekend was too insane to even talk about, though I did love the DJ set from Jaycie Jayce and Side-Ponytail for the Latitude 53 benefit Splash! at the ... where the hell was that again? Some kind defunct posh clothing store on 109th Street downtown? Any place with naked mannequins is my kind of front bump party. Meow Mixer just down the street in the Shag hair salon also did well, raising over \$3,000 for the Save Animals From Euthanasia cat benefit. That's right: great times, more cats and winter is OVER.

THE DECLINE (cont'd from p. 16)

doomed!!!!!", in their best naysayer voices. Time generally gives us a better perspective, and we begin to realize that venues, bands, musicians, what have you will all come and go. Some of the best remembered rooms for jazz in Edmonton (including the Four Rooms, Hello Deli, Hulbert's, Zenari's, and even the much beloved Sidetrack Café when they were at their most eclectic and most successful) are gone now. Those rooms, while much missed, all made way for new venues to create new sets of memories for new generations of musicians. While many speak of the golden days of music in Edmonton, I would dare speculate that in six months we will have approximately the same number of venues for Jazz in Edmonton as we did on average over the 20 years previous. (Also realizing this has not been the pop music of the day for several, several decades and that at a glance I would guess the pop market in Edmonton has taken a much bigger financial hit.) There will always be a need for good music here and everywhere

Now to be as balanced as possible,

that is not to say that there aren't problems in the finances of music in this city. At a guess (I have not in fact spoken to any of the venue owners in question), why did the venue owners cancel regular appearances? Likely the numbers just didn't add up. This problem has a number of components (of which there is space here to look at but a few), which if you are # music lover you need to start thinking about, and also wonder what your contribution to solving this problem will be:

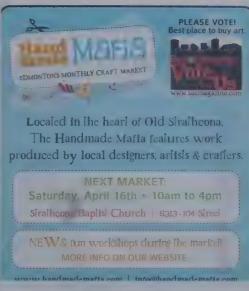
1.) Venue owners have unrealistic expectations. No slight intended to any soul brave enough to embark on being a live music venue, but the fact is musicians cannot market your establishment for you. Further for a nights wages at scale, they may financially not be able to afford the time to commit to massive promo for one days work. Unless you run Rexall place, do not expect to make tens of thousands off local and touring music acts. It's unrealistic and unsustainable for every music act to generate the sort of revenue a Beyonce Knowles does. Further, club owners don't have the expectation that staff or artwork will generate

revenue, merely that they are necessary for function and esthetic. Bearing this in mind for music may well change managers perspective.

2.) Audiences have stopped financially valuing music. By not realizing that music does and should have a high dollar value ("A \$3 cover to hear ■ band??? Are you crazy???"), they not only cheapen the experience of their own lives, but also become a detriment to new and live music. The aforementioned (And now depleted) MPTF has been funded by a percentage of record sales, a figure that is obviously dwindling.

3.) Musicians have contributed to their own demise. The music industry is like any other and either expands or contracts. If you are a musician who is not contributing to the expansion of a financial bubble in the industry (i.e. – go create a gig), you're contributing to an economic downturn in your own industry.

There are still a number of venues which will be running jazz in the coming months, but it may be time to decide whether you'll contribute to this spring being one of renewal or merely change? Over and out.





NEW SPRING HOURS

FILM - PREVIEW

Little Film On The Prairie

CELEBRATES SHORT FILM WITH ONE GOLDEN RULE: THE TALENT MUST BE HOMEGROWN

PRAIRIE TALES 12 Arden Theatre (5 St. Anne St., St. Albert) Thursday, April 7,7 p.m.

BY ARON SCHILE

The genres of Prairie Tales 12 run the gamut: animation, a documentary, live action sci-fi, experimental shot in two takes. It may sound like dance, but it's not. It's Albertan

Fourteen local films are on dis play at homegrown Metro Ginema's Prairie Tales 12, playing at the Arden Theatre in St. Albert. Ian Leung, curative and administrative force tunity to speak glowingly of the consistent high-level quality of the film entrants, year after year.
"The variety of work is thue to

the wide eligibility requirements," Leung suggests, noting that films must be under 15 minutes, made in the previous 18 months prior to the submission deadline, and that the filmmakers must call Alberta home. Looking to the future, Leung notes that the jury recently finished curating the films for the 13th edition of Prairie Tales, set to premiere in late June in Hinton Hardly a hot spot for filmmakers, it is perhaps a tonguein-cheek choice, lying somewhere Rockies and the Alberta capital.

"Prairie Tales has been a way for of the short film as a medium," Leung



explains. "It's a way for Alberta to get to know its own artists, for those artists to know the community, become better known and recognized." While there are recurring filmmakers in every series. Leung says that

One of those recurring artists is Edmonton's own Trevor Anderson, of dirtcityfilms.com, whose film Punchlines is among this year's highlighted shorts. Fresh off a trip to documentary The High Level Bridge, Prairie Tales, Anderson espouses his belief about how important Prairie Tales is to local filmmakers.

that my work reaches my own local and regional audience, and I'm honbeen included regularly," Anderson says. "I didn't go to film school, I've been learning as I go, so the support of program like Prairie Tales has been very encouraging. Now that my films are reaching a wider audience, it's still just as important to me to be included in the annual collection of Albertan independent film and

In the program, it's noteworthy that Anderson's band, The Wet Secrets, has a song that plays in the closing credits of the hilarious Greenwash Gang short. Anderson says that this has little to do with the film scene and more to do with bands sharing bills, largely describing the scene

as "a community of loners. We're all kind of tinkering in our garages, and every once in a while we pull out what we've been working on and ride it down to the Tim Horton's parking lot to stand around and kick tires, vou know?

In this year's edition of Prairie Tales, there is a heavy concentration of films from Calgary. Anderson seems to be an anomaly in this year's crop, being one of the few filmmakers to hail from Edmonton.

"I like Edmonton because it's been home to me since I moved from Red Deer to attend the University of Alberta. Most of my friends live here. There are a lot of artists here, musicians, visual artists, theatre people. It's not uncommon for people to cross between those scenes without

having to identify as only one type of artist. And there's a kind of laid back, hoser-style, rock 'n' roll atti-

So now that he's played Sundance, and been privy to some personal congratulations from Matt Groening, creator of The Simpsons, has Anderson outgrown the Prairie Tales circuit? "It came at a good time, you know, five years into this journey of becoming a self-taught filmmaker," Anderson says. "It felt like the encouragement I needed, sort of 'keep it up, you're doing good here.' Then to come home and find out it'll be included in next year's Prairie Tales collection where it will play regional galleries, libraries, schools and the like, well that's some very satisfying

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Hanna Goes For The Heart

SMART, EDGE-OF-YOUR-SEAT FUN, HANNA BREAKS THE MOULD OF WHAT AN 'ACTION-THRILLER' TYPICALLY IS

HANNA

Directed by Joe Wright

Starring Saoirse Ronan, Cate Blanchett and Eric Bana 本本本章

BY CURTIS WRIGHT

Objectively, there is no way – absolutely no way – that Hanna should be a good movie. A young girl living a somewhat dreary, isolated and authoritarian life in snowy Germany literally flips a switch and her worldly innocence is thrust upon the world. Bad plot. And worse? I think we've seen (or chosen to not see that movie before). But contrary to what your indicated assumptions might be, Hanna succeeds as a highly energetic and engaging movie which defies mail-it-

in formula

With a snap, the initial scene indicates the bizarre, heart-pounding theme *Hanna* will take. Intriguing, original and drawn, yet quick, the draw of *Hanna* is in the pace.

pering "I just missed your heart," to a deer and it sounding sweet, but somehow young Hanna (Saoirsé Ronan, The Lovely Bones) does so in the first words of the movie. Being physically trained for a life that seemingly calls for excessive fighting and living with and by the land, Hanna has a profound respect for nature. She wants to kill the deer for sustenance, but the pain she causes by being inaccurate with the arrow causes the deer unnecessary pain. The trained kill of the deer is impressive, yet Hanna's skills are truly displayed when she spars with her father (Erik, Erik Bana).

On her own curious accord, Hanna is driven into society from deep isolation. She quickly realizes that her imaginings about what real life might have been are obscured by the wild version she has entered — a version anyone would find drastic.

Marisa Wiegler (Cate Blanchett) is, in lifestyle, the polar opposite of Erik and Hanna. Waking up in an Ikea-inspired metropolis, electronically cleaning her teeth and dressing with perfection, Wiegler has clandestine notes on Hanna's father, and obscure genetic information on Hanna, which together create Hanna's momentum.

Hanna is full of fighting and highaction, yet it is more dramatic and thrilling than others in its 'genre' – not simply because of it's lack of thick-headed, unnecessary action scenes – but because of both the audience and Hanna's own desire to



Run, Hanna, Run: Hanna breaks delivers solid, thrilling entertainment. | ALEX BAILEY

know what happens next, and what has happened before. The fact that it obscures its genre by being unique and unpredictable is *Hanna's* most impressive feat.

The filming of *Hanna* is wonderful, the locations are beautiful and the fight scenes make other movies look sparse – heightened by the fact that a 16-year-old girl = making men look weal. Hanna succeeds by exploiting traditional style and accurately portraying edge-of-your-seat filming.

In world of saturated, characterless movies from Hollywood. *Hanna* is worth it.

FILM - REVIEW

Win Win Will Score Big With Audiences

SWEET, FUNNY AND REAL, WIN WIN IS A WINNER

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Directed by Thomas McCarthy

Starring Paul Giamatti, Amy Ryan and Jeffrey Tambor 本本本会会

BY MAURICE TOUGAS

The new indie film Win Win is being sold as a comedy, which I suspect is a default position for a hard to classify film. It certainly has comedic elements, a few LOL moments, and the tone is generally light, but it's really a human drama. However you want to pigeonhole it, it's consistently en-

tertaining, often quite touching and true to life.

Mike Flaherty (Paul Giamatti, the go-to actor when you need a disheartened shlub) is a not-very successful New Jersey lawyer. He's a nice guy, with a nice wife (Army Ryan, the ultra annoying love interest to Michael Scott on The Office) and a couple of small children. He also volunteers as coach the losing local high school wrestling team along with his friend Stephen (Jeffrey Tambor, patriarch of the dysfunctional Bluth clan on Arrested Development).

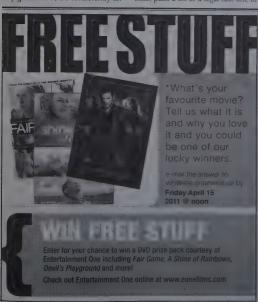
Mike, in a moment of moral weakness, pulls a bit of a legal fast one to help overcome his financial woes. Mike's client, Leo (Burt Young, Rocky's brother-in-law) is well off, but slipping slowly into Alzheimer's, and refuses to leave his home. Mike discovers that Leo's estate will pay \$1,500 a month to a legal guardian, he takes the job himself and puts Leo in a nursing home. It's a nice nursing home, and Leo will probably end up there anyway, but still, it's not a very ethical thing for a decent guy to do.

This little scam might have worked had it not been for Leo's grandson, Kyle (Alex Shaffer). A monosyllabic teen with bleached blond hair and ever-present headphones, Alex has run away from home and his drug addicted mother and hopes to live with Leo, who now lives in a nursing home thanks to Mike. As guardian, Mike has no choice but to take in Alex. Turns out, however, that beneath the sullen exterior there beats the heart of a wrestling champion. But Kyle's now rehabbing mom (Melanie Lynske) shows up, and wants her son back—and the \$1,500 a month Mike is now pocketing.

Win Win could have been populated by a series of exaggerated characters, but it never descends into cliché. The situation is entirely believable and relatable, and I didn't

detect one moment in the entire film that stretched credulity. All the actors are excellent, with Alex Shaffer's Kyle setting # perfect tone. Yes, he's a sullen teen, but basically a good kid in # terrible situation. His is the key role; if he comes across as a jert or a TV sitcom smartass teen, the film falls apart. But Shaffer (under the sure handed direction of Thomas McCarthy) hits just the right notes, as does everyone else in the cast.

I really fell for *Win Win*. It's is a sweet, honest film about human beings, equal parts touching, funny and real





THEATRE - PREVIEW

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BY AMY NEWEFUR

ciate Ellen Chorley put out a strange request last July. "We're looking for letter, "the more skin the better. Absolutely NO JUDGMENTS will be made.

This request wasn't an attempt to satisfy any company kinks (although Chorley received some teasing from friends implying that the porn was for her own use), but rather to assist with the set for the final show of Northern Light Theatre's funky and daring season, Stephen Massicotte's

Massicotte is probably best known for his dream-play Mary's Wedding, a touching First World War love story that's been responsible for many tears, a far cry from the modern Pervert, a show exploring obsession. kinks, addiction and perversion, set

partially in an all-night porn shop.

Tim, who works the night shift at a little, inject some new things into their sex life," cast member Mary

And then there's Kurt "the everyspective look at the people who rent

who doesn't hesitate to bring out "the trouble justifying staying late after work to party with the managers, despite the fact that she has a boy-

"(The play) really talks about boundaries," Hulbert says, "and definitions of cheating. Trish can justify anything.

Hulbert has been wrestling with her perceptions and judgments about Trish and what she does for money. "Trish is a very challenging character for me," Hulbert explains. "I'm a turtleneck and jeans kind of girl. I gain advances in any situation. I've always used words and communica-



We can only imagine what she is requesting. And if you though that, you're the Pervert. | PHOTO BY IAN JACKSON

tion, personality essentially."

"I'm so thankful for this part," Hulbert continues, "because it's thrown me a bit and shaken me."

The character isn't the only thing that's throwing Hulbert with this show. "I told my parents that they're not allowed to see this one," Hulbert says with a laugh. « "I would never force them not to come," she clarifies, "but I'm like, don't tell me when you're coming! And I told my grandfather, 'Papa, we're going to wait for a

The show, not surprisingly, has a strong mature content warning.

Given that sections of the play take place in a pornography shop, audiences can expect to see some authenticity in the set.

"There are a lot of different types of pictures," Hulbert says. "Some people will find the pictures to be very beautiful and artistic, like black and white shots. There was one photo I found quite hilarious. There was a man in the forest and he was supposed to be a hunter, but he looked like he couldn't kill a spider. He was

As with most Northern Light pro-

ductions, audiences will be leaving the theatre with plenty to mull over.

"People will be able to have a dialogue with themselves afterwards about what arouses them or what they find attractive," Hulbert explains. "When you watch this play you get to have that conversation with yourself about what is sexually acceptable behaviour.'

And just how much porn did the company's request garner? "It filled two or three of those file boxes that stand up straight, so I was able to easily hide it in the office," Chorley says with a laugh.





OPERA · PREVIEW

Puccini Perfection



Tosca runs on April 9, IZ and 14 at 7:30 p.m. | PHOTO SUPPLIED

APPEALING TO THE MASSES, THE EDMONTON OPERA PRESENTS A DAMN GOOD STORY IN TOSCA

EDMONTON OPERA PRESENTS TOSCA Jubilee Auditorium (11455-87th Ave.) April 9, 12 and 14, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$32 through \$160 at Ticketmaster

BY AMY NEUFELD

In a ranking of dark operatic stories, Puccini's *Tosca* has got to be near the top. Tosca, a celebrated singer and diva, is in love with Cavaradossi, a painter with liberal views. When he agrees to help an old friend escape from the police, Scarpia, the royalist chief of police, suspects his involvement with the criminal and plots to capture him by having Tosca unknowingly lead them to the painter.

When Cavaradossi is eventually captured and tortured, Scarpia presents Tosca with perhaps the original indecent proposal; if she gives him one night of pleasure he will arrange for her lover's execution to be staged and they can escape together. Betrayal follows betrayal, and, predictably with a tragic opera, the death toll climbs ever higher.

"It's a story that has a lot of possibility for dragging us into it," director Robert Herriot explains. "It's a very credible and difficult story, one that everyone relates to."

Herriot is a Winnipeg-based opera director, but is no stranger in Edmonton. He has previously directed *The Pirates of Penzance* and *HMS Pinafore* for Edmonton Opera, the latter of which won a Sterling award for outstanding musical.

"The people we have are quite incredible on stage," Herriot raves, giving special praise to Yannick-Muriel Noah who plays the title role. "I love their chemistry," he says of Tosca and Cavaradossi, citing the love duets in act one as a particular favourite moment.

Puccini didn't just write the music for *Tosca*; he also wrote carefully structured directions for staging the production.

"In his score he details everything,"

Herriot explains. "I've seen productions that stray away from that, and the piece falls flat. My approach is that I will do all the things that are required. It's set in the period that it was written, the set is traditional, the costumes are traditional. It would be a director's folly to try to make it something other than it is."

The dark, dangerous themes and high drama of the story add a grandeur to the staging, which Herriot has enjoyed playing with.

"I approached it as I would a piece of theatre," Herriot says. "The themes that are in the story are totally relevant. The biggest one is the sexual abuse of women. We all see the danger in that, we all feel fear because of that, we're all sickened by that. It's like putting your finger on a live wire."

And then there's the element that will draw in most audience members: the stunning music.

"I think it's one of the strongest musically that Puccini wrote." Herriot contends. "At the end of Act 2 there's a musical interlude that brings me to a near state of hysteria because it's so great."

Edmonton Opera has been hard at work making the art form more accessible. They have targeted the youth market with their Explorer's Club, offering discounted tickets to the 18- to 29-year-old set, and events like Storm the Stage which includes a short film contest. They also offer Opera Talks before the show and education programs like opera in the classroom and Opera 101, a free University of Alberta Faculty of Extension class.

"More and more younger audiences are getting into the fact that it's a crazy art form," Herriot says with a laugh. "It's both gut-wrenching and intriguing. Opera isn't an elitist art form. It's all the same things we go to the movies for, but it's heightened which is even better."

"I think companies are really looking to engage the young," Herriot continues. "They'll love (Tosca) because it's a damn good story!"







THEATRE . PREVIEW

Send In The Clowns



Not Just For Kids: Las Parfait Inconnus' light-hearted philosophy entertains all. | PHOTO SUPPLIED

AIMING TO BE ROCK STARS, LAS PARFAIT INCONNUS HAVE FOUND THEIR FAME IN CLOWNING AROUND

LAS PARFAIT INCONNUS
Westbury Theatre

April 8 and 15, 7 p.m., April 9, 10, 16, 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$18 for adults, \$15 students/seniors, \$12,50 for children iiii the Fringe Theatre Box Office 780-409-1910

BY KATHLEEN BELL

Whenever I see an acrobat, a street performer, a clown or any other professional in that vein, I always think to myself 'how did this happen?' How did they get into the business of pratfalls and juggling on unicycles?

"Honestly, I discovered the circus quite late in my life," says Sylvain Dubois, founding member of the Quebec-based circus troupe, Les Parfaits Inconnus. "I was 28 years old and I met a trapezist and started doing circus. She was my girlfriend at this time and after she put me away, she left the circus, but I'm still there."

To impress a girl. I should have known.

Now, Dubois and his six-member group — which includes experts in the Cyr wheel, the Chinese pole and the ladder, among other stunts — can impress pretty much anyone. Dubois has taken his years of experience touring with circuses around the world to create a unique style for Les Parfaits Inconnus that includes not only tricks, but also live music with a strict emphasis on playing rock 'n' roll. "We wanted to be rock stars," he says. "We didn't want to play little songs for little kids."

"With this group I decide which artistic direction we're going to take," he continues. "I think it's more my cup of tea because sometimes (when you) are working for a company you don't decide too much the artistic direction, what is going to be the look of the show. With this group, I control this. I know it is something I like. I never wanted to do an intellectual show. With this show it's really not intellectual. This is my cup of tea."

Adding drummer Eric Boudreault and guitarist Patrick Mainville to the line up to generate the soundtrack to the show allows Dubois to fulfil a life long dream of starting a band. In fact, Dubois started learning to play the guitar when he was just young, way before taking up the bicycle, which is his acrobatic area of expertise (he can even play the clarinet while pedding).

Still, he's made a life out of clowning around. He's at the point where he can brush off questions about staying in top clowning form. "We don't have to rehearse as much as when we were young," he says. "I've been doing this for 20 years, so I'm in control of what I'm doing."

After 20 years of delighting audiences and making people laugh, I guess I shouldn't be asking how it happened—so—much as wondering how can I can bring a little clowning philosophy into my own life.

"Ne te prend pas trop au sérieux," is his final advice. "In French we say 'don't take you too much seriously' if you want to do something spontaneous. When we think too much I think it's not all the time winner and we can take this thinking in a lot of aspects of life, even with our social relations. So I try not to be too serious and I try not to think too much. Follow the flow, believe in the life. This is clowning."



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APRII 7

DOD STEREOS

Throw your hands up and get ready for some Calico Drive-er...umm...Stereos! Hailing from Sherwood Park and E-town, these Much Music darlings are ready to pop your socks off with a little Auto-Tune action Edmonton Event Centre, 7 p.m.

APRIL 8

vogue | CHARITY

FASHION SHOW The sun is shining, which means our clothes are getting shorter and lighter! Why not check out Canadian designer Joeffer Caoc's spring looks while raising money for the Stollery Children's Foundation. Latitude 53, 7 p.m.

APRIL 9

tease RIVERCITY **REVUE BURLESOUE**

Add a little sass to your step. a little flick to your hips and take a few tips from Edmonton's newest hurlesque troup. Molly Rose, and the rest of the gals will show you the art of the tease. Haven Social Club, 8 p.m.

celtic | MUDMEN Unfortunately, Saturday night was booked at Blues on Whyte, but we are hoping this bagpine playing. drinking, fighting eastern Canadian rock band can shake last night's hangover and put on a good show.

Blues on Whyte, 9 p.m.

APRIL 1

awards | MAYOR'S CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS Edmonton has such a vibrant artistic community, and luckily we have a mayor that supports the arts-well some of the arts. Enjoy an evening of performance and recognition. Winspea

APRIL I

blast off | YURI'S NIGHT 2011 Do you remember this historic night back in 1961. when Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin embarked on the first ever manned space flight? Yeah, we don't either. Either way, why not party like you do? TELUS World of Science 7 p.m.

APRIL 13

WOOF PUPPY TRAIN-ING DEMONSTRATION Maybe you or someone you

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STARLITE ROOM - The Union presents August Burns Re and Guests (Metal) - 5 PM - SZZ M ADVANCE. SERVICE CHARGES MAY APPLY: CHECK WESTER FOR TIX.

THE DRUID • Lobster Bake & East Coast Kitchen Party feat. Brian Maxwell (Canadian) • 5 PM • \$20.

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Live Music

BLUES ON WHYTE - Sonny Rhodes (Blues) - 9 PM - NO

CEILL'S - Acoustic Battle of the Bands (Folk) - 9 PM - NO HAVEN SOCIAL CLUB • Early Show! feat. Ryan McMahon

and the Company Damn with Doug Hoyer and Guests (Folk, PAWN SHOP - Death Angel with Exit Strategy (Metal) - 8

SHERLOCK HOLMES: WEM - Stan Gallant (Rock) - 9:30

PM .

THE DRUID · Karaoke Wednesdays! feat. Karaoke (DJ.

THE GAS PUMP CLUB AND BAR . The Great Getaway Karaoke Contest feat. Karaoke (DJ, Karaoke) • 9:30 PM •

OPEN STAGES

FRIDAY APR 8 THE LIZARD LOUNGE - Jam Session @ Lizard Lounge - 8:30 PM · NO COVER

CROWN PUB • Acoustic Open Jam • 2 PM • NO COVER.
HILL TOP PUB • Open Stage @ Hilltop Pub Hosted by Blue

OUEEN ALEXANDRA HALL - Edmonton Blues Society feat. EBS Blues Jam • 7:30 PM • \$3 MEMBERS, \$8 NON-MEMBERS, IAMMERS WITH INSTRUMENTS GET IN FREE.

THE GAS PUMP CLUB AND BAR - Live Blues Jam - 3:30 SUNDAY APR 10

CROWN PUB - Open Stage @ Crown Pub with host Better Us

EXPRESSIONZ CAFE - Sunday Night Songwriter's Stage and guest to-host + 7 PM - ADMISSION BY DONATION.

EXPRESSIONZ CAFE - Old Time & Country Rock Jam + 1 PM

DEVANEY'S IRISH PUB - Singer Songwriter Night @ V'C. R DM. NO COVER

ROUGE LOUNGE - Open Mic @ Rouge Lounge - 9 PM - NO

THESDAY ADD IT CROWN PUB · Underground @ The Crown · 9 PM · NO

SPORTSMAN'S LOUNGE • Open Mic @ Sportsman's • 9 PM THE DRUID . Open Mic @ The Druid Hosted by Chris Wynters

. 9 PM . NO COVER RRIXX RAR & GRILL - Fats N Beats Wednesday and friends

CROWN PUB - Dan Jam with Miguel & Friends - 8 PM - NO

DEVANEY'S IRISH PUB • Open Mic @ Devaney's hosted by

on • R PM • NO COVER ELEPHANT & CASTLE WHYTE AVE - Open Mic @ Elephant

and Castle • 8:30 PM • NO COVER.

HAVEN SOCIAL CLUB • Wednesday Jam • 9 PM • NO COVER. PLAYBACK PUB - Open Stage @ Playback Hosted by JTB -

SECOND CUP 149 ST • Open Mic @ Second Cup Signature Place • 7:30 PM • NO COVER.

ARTS & CULTURE

Exhibits

15TH ANNIVERSARY ART BEAT GALLERY 26 ST ANNE STREET . ST ALBERT · New works by gallery artists. · TUE-SAT TIL APR 16 www.artbeat.ab.ca

A WELL SPUN PRAIRIE YARN ART GALLERY @ 501501 FESTIVAL AVE SHERWOOD PARK - Artists from Alberta. tion examining contemporary fibre artworks. - TIL APR 23

ADAPTATION & ALTERATION (BYRON MCBRIDE AND RYAN MCCOURT) PROFILES- ART GALLERY OF ST. ALBERT 19 PERRON ST, ST. ALBERT - A journey through the manipulation of memories and objects, with paintings by McBride and sculptures by McCourt. TIL APR 30 www

AFTERMATH (ARLENE WASYLYNCHUK AND NONI BOYLE) HARCOLIRT HOUSE GALLERY 3RD FLR. 10215 112 ST - In IO-DOAM-5-DORM SAT 17-DO-4-DORM TIL APR 21 WWW.

ANYTHING GOES MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL 16940 87 AVE Laurier Heights Art Society presents Art Show and Sale A wonderful selection of oil and watercolour paintings of Alberta Landsranes - Til APR 30

ARTWALK ST ALBERT VARIOUS LOCATIONS VENUES CHANGE - Discover St Albert as an art destination as you stroll through the Perron district and enjoy vibra rks - FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM APR 7

BINETS OF CURIOSITY GALLERY AT MILNER 7 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SQ · A group exhibit by M.Des. students from the University of Alberta. · DAILY TIL APR

COLOUR AND AIR (GREGORY HARDY) PETER ROBERTSON GALLERY 17304 IASPER AVE . The artist's intrepid ap

TIL APR 23 gregoryhardy.com
CORPUS II RUTHERFORD SOUTH LIBRARY (U OF A) RUTHERFORD SOUTH 1-01 - An exhibition of art exploring the human body by 2010/2011 Life Drawing Session participants, drawings, paintings, mixed media pieces and

DRAWN OUTSIDE ART GALLERY OF ALBERTA 2 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SQ . The exhibition invites children and their grown-ups to explore the connections between art, artists and the natural world. - TIL JAN 29, 2012 www

EASTER EGGS GLENROSE HOSPITAL 10230 111 AVE - A private collection of Ukrainian Easter Eggs. Art on the Inside Gallery- DAILY TIL APR 30

EMILY CARR'S COSTAL LANDSCAPES ART GALLERY OF ALBERTA 2 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SO - Nature and Spirit: 35 works span the Canadian icon's career and include many of the artist's most remenized images. MAR

EXTREME METAL ART EXHIBIT NINA HAGGERTY CENTRE 9704 111 AVE - MAR 23-APR 22 www.ninahaggertyart.ca FEATHERS AND CHAPS (CHRIS RILEY) TASTY TOM'S BIS-TRO 9965 87 AVF - A Wild West Retrospective: new works by Alberta artist. DAILY TIL MAY 15 www.rileyart.com
FLOURISM (CONNIE PIKE) ALBERTA CRAFT COUNCIL 10186

influence on the work featured in Flourish - TIL MAY 21 GRANDS ESPACES ALBERTAINS GALFRIE PAVA 9574 B7

ST - Featured: Karen Blanchet, Emma Cayer, Doris Charest, Monika Dery, Suzanne Gaultler, Sylvia Grist, Patricia Lortie-Sparks, Jamues Martel, Danièle Petit, Diane P Ute Rieder and Nathalie Shewchuk-Paré. DAILY TIL APR 10 Info: 780 461-3477 HAIDA ART ART GALLERY OF ALBERTA 2 SIR WINSTON

CHURCHILL SQ - Mapping an Ancient Language: 80 works dating from the 18th and 19th centuries, one of the earlies nost significant collections in North America. MAR

HARMONY (SOCIETE FRANCOPHONE DES ARTS VISUELS DE L'ALBERTA) CENTRE D'ARTS VISUELS DE L'ALBERTA 9103 95 AVE + Cassidy Cooper's artwork, Rollande Brodeur's quilts, Monica Das' photographies, George Blanchette's drawings. - MON-FRI 10:00AM-6:00PM, SAT 10:00AM-5:00PM TIL APR 26 www.savacava.com IMAGINE THAT GALLERY AT MILNER 7 SIR WINSTON

CHURCHILL SQ • A group exhibit by ARCH. • TIL APR 30

IN THE RED: CREATION FROM DEFICIT ALBERTA CRAFT COLINCII 10186 106 ST - - MON-SAT 10:00AM-5:00PM TIL

INSTALLATIONS (BRIAN JUNGEN) ART GALLERY OF ALBERTA 2 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SQ . Three sculptural installations by internationally renowned Canadian artist best known for his transformative re-workings of everyday manufactured goods. TIL MAY 8 www.youraga.ca
JOINT VISIONS IN OILS (CARRIE DUDLEY AND JANET

WOLFF) PRO'S ART GALLERY & FRAMING #101, 10604 178 WOLF-) PRO'S ART GALLERY & PKAMINO & VIOL. 1004 VIO 57. - While they have entirely different styles and subject matter.... offering a combined show...lust Works! Please come in to view ove 4.0 of their plantings. MAR 28-APR 3, MON-SAT INTO 80 737-639 Winwy.gnosartschool.com JOY GLENROSE HOSPITAL 10230 III AVE - Lisa Morris uses se who may be unable to reach those sights. Blue Curve

LADIES OF THE LAKE (ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL OF SPRUCE GROVE AND KATHY MEANIE) MELCOR CULTURAL CENTRE 35 FIFTH AVE, SPRUCE GROVE - MON-THU 10:00AM-8:00PM FRI & SAT 10:00AM-5:00PM TIL APR 23 Info: 780 LEARNED LITTLE LINES (SUE WOOLGAR) GALLERY IS 5123

48 ST, RED DEER - Collection of all new work showcases Susan's expressive mark making with her use of callig line, while depicting the landscapes of Alberta. TUE-SAT PM TIL APR 30 isgallery.blogspot.com MOVING THE SKY (CLAIRE UHLICK) MISERICORDIA

HOSPITAL 16940 87 AVE · Recent paintings by local artist. TIL JUN 3 www.clairelouiseuhlick.com

OPENING RECEPTION (ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL OF SPRUCE GROVE AND KATHY MEANIE) MELCOR CULTURAL CENTRE
35 FIFTH AVE, SPRUCE GROVE - Ladies of the Lake

exhibit. - SAT APR 9, 1:00 PM Info: 780 962-0664 www elliedartscouncil com OUTSIDE IN (ALBERTA OIL PAINTERS) SCOTIA PLACE

10060 JASPER AVE - Inspired by their moments enjoyed in nature but created in the warmth and comfort of the moressionism - DAILY TIL APR 23 PATTERNS IN GLASS MUSEE HERITAGE MUSEUM 5 ST.

ANNE STREET, ST. ALBERT - Metis Design in Beads. The design and creation of beadwork by Métis women. - DAILY TIL JUN 30 www.artsheritage.ca SPRING EXHIBITION (JONN EINERSSEN AND VANCE THEO-

RET) PICTURE THIS! FRAMING & GALLERY 959 ORDZE RD. SHERWOOD PARK - This show is an exclusive exhibition of new works, 10:00AM-5:00PM DAILY TIL APR 23 Info: 780 467-3038 www.picturethisgallery.com SPRING IS IN THE AIR LANDO GALLERY 11130 105 AVE - A

group exhibition of many of our gallery artists. • TIL APR 13 Info: 780 990-1161 www.landogallery.com STRENGTH & STILLNESS (SHARON WILLAS RUBULIAK) ALBERTA CRAFT COUNCIL 10186 106 ST - Artworks cre

through a series of layering and quilting — both by hand and by machine. - TIL MAY 21 albertacraft.ab.ca SUN REALM (PAT WAGENSVELD) GLENROSE HOSPITAL



AMOS GARRETT & THE EH TEAM

APRIL 8-9



PETE TURLAND

APRIL 14-16



JAMES HARMAN

APRIL 22-23



SPRING HOURS SUN-MON - CLOSED TUES-THURS - 4PM - CLOSE FRI-SAT - 11AM - CLOSE

UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL 21 - THE SWIFTIES

APRIL 29-30 - RUSTY REED BAND MAY 5-7 - RUSSELL JACKSON MAY 12-14 - JOHNNY V MAY 19-21 - JACK DE KEYZER MAY 27-28 - STUDEBAKER JOHN

LIVE MUSIC 5 NIGHTS A WEEK - SATURDAY AFTERNOON JAM 3-6PM

10230 111 AVE - The suite of paintings is a storyboard about Sunflower Characters and their antics in the garden Mezzanine Gallery • DAJLY TIL APR 30

TEN TO THE POWER OF TEN JACKSON POWER AND ELECTRIC BUILDING 9756 60 AVE · Group show including Paddy Lamb, Claire Uhlick. · APR 8-10 FRI NOON-10:00PM.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE 11211 142 ST - Tour scenes from the legendary world of Narnia while learning about the science behind It. - DA

TIL MAY I www.edmontonscience.com
THE FOREST SHOW (ALBERTA SOCIETY OF ARTISTS) MCMULLEN GALLERY 8440 112 ST - Everyone welcome. 10:00AM-8:00PM MON-THU, 11:00AM-5:00PM FRI & SAT

TIL MAY 2 www.artists-society.ab.ca
THE SILENCE OF CHAOS (SHERRI CHABA) ART GALLERY OF ALBERTA 7 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SO - RBC New Works Gallery: In this new installation created for the AGA, the Alberta artist strings lines of wire throughout the And the students at this strings time of whe chroughout to space, creating an immersive physical experience. • MAR 5-MAY 15 www.youraga.ca THESE ARE MY WORDS (CATHY MCMILLAN) NAESS GAL-

LERY 10032 81 AVE - New mixed Media works. - MON-SAT 9:30AM-6:00PM, THURS -8:00PM, SUN 12:00-5:00PM TIL APR 29 Info: 780 432-0240 www.quirkyartcafe.ca
VOLUPTUARY SWEETNESS (JAMIE EVRARD) AGNES

the Studio: "This show will be a revisiting of the floral

the flowers..."- TUE-SAT 10:00AM-5:00PM TIL APR 9 www.

WALTER J. PHILLIPS: WATER & WOODS ART GALLERY OF ALBERTA 2 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SQ - Featuring watercolours and woodcuts, the exhibition also includes JUNE 5 www.youraga.ca

Theatre

DIE-NASTY VARSCONA THEATRE 10379 III AVE - The Cana dian Cornedy Award-winning live improvised soap opera returns for its 20th season of romance, passion, betrayal, love, lust and laughs! - MONDAYS TIL MAY 30, AT 7-30 PM

RICK-THE RICK HANSEN STORY (MANITOBA THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND RICK HANSEN FOUNDATION) CITADEL THEATRE 9828 101A AVE - The true story of one man's journey that would alter a life and unite a nation Shoctor Theatre, Ages 10 & up. - APR 2-10 Info: 780 425-

THE 39 STEPS MAYFIELD DINNER THEATRE 16615 109 AVE - 2-time Tony Award winner is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously 483-405) www.mayfieldtheatre.ca.

Comedy

BROWN ON BOURBON THE COMIC STRIP BOURBON STREET, WEM . The Bear's Paul Brown hosts this Local Talent Night. Receive \$10 gift certificate for Hudsons or Bourbon with admission. TUESDAYS AT 8:00 PM COMEDIAN THE COMIC STRIP BOURBON STREET, WEM • Tom Wilson was "Bif Tanner" in the 3 hit "Back to the Future movies.• DAILY FROM APR 8 TO APR 10, AT 8:00 PM

COMEDY NIGHT CEILI'S IRISH PUB 10338 109 ST TUESDAYS AT 8:30 PM
COMEDY NIGHT SUNDAYS (LARS CALLIEOU) THE DRUID

11606 JASPER AVE - Hosted open stage for anyone wanting to try stand up comedy!- SUNDAYS AT 9:00 PM www. HIT OR MISS MONDAYS THE COMIC STRIP ROLIPRON

STREET, WEM - Local and amateur performers.- MONDAYS
AT 8:00 PM Info: 780 483-5999 www.theromicstrip.ca STAND UP COMEDY NIGHT CEILI'S IRISH PUB 10338 109 ST - TUESDAYS AT 9:30PM www.ceilis.com
THE HYDEAWAY COMEDY NIGHT JEKYLL & HYDE'S

CHIMPROV VARSCONA THEATRE 10329 B3 AVE - CHIMPROV is Rapid Fire Theatre's longform comedy show. Here you will see crafted improv formats, intricate narratives, and one-act plays sure to make you bust a gut!- SATURDAYS, TI P.M. (NO SHOWS ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

THEATRESPORTS (RAPIDEIRE THEATRE) VARSCONA THEATRE 10329 83 AVE - Teams of improvisors battle in our squared circle. No political figure is safe, no preconception left unprodded - FRIDAYS AT 11:00 PM Readings & Lectures

A SHAMAN'S VISION INTO THE FUTURE (CLAIRE LASKIN) RIVER CREE RESORT AND CASINO WHITEMUD DR. & WHITEMUD RD, ENOCH - Shaw TV will be filming the fifth lecture in a series. Can our personal relationships change the course of events? SUN APR 10, 2:00 PM www

AN EVENING OF POETRY (STROLL OF POETS) UPPER CRUST CAFÉ 10909 86 AVE - Celebrate the power of the spoken word with The Poets' Haven Weekly Reading Series - MONDAYS AT 7-00 PM Infn: 780 422-8174 www

APRIL INALIGURAL PROFESSORIAL LECTURES KATZ GROUP CENTRE FOR PHARMACY & HEALTH RESEARCH (U OF A) 87 AVE & 114 ST - Adrian Wagg: Professor, Department of Medicine, Michael Hendzel: Professor, Department of Oncology, & recognition (IIII 3M Award Winner, Scott

North- MON APR 11, 5:00 PM www.med.ualberta.ca
CENTRE FOR READING: FROM BOOKS TO FILM STANLEY A. MILNER LIBRARY 7 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

DUKE ELLINGTON LECTURE SERIES (MICHAEL ROEDER) SHERWOOD PARK - Explore the life and music of Duke Ellington in a 3-part lecture series: a fascinating look at one of the 20th century's most important musical figure

FEDERAL ELECTION FORUM (LEDUC AND DISTRICT

FORMING ARTS 4308 50 ST, LEDUC - Candidates: James Rajotte - Conservative (Incumbent), Valerie Kennedy - Green Party, Richard Fahlman - Liberal, Artem Medvedev

- NDP- WED APR 13, 7:00 PM www.leduc-chamber.com LECTURE (JAN GEHL) MUTTART HALL ALBERTA COLLEGE 10050 MACDONALD DR - Cities for People will 🗠 available as part of an author signing before & after the lecture.

LIT CRAWL VARIOUS LOCATIONS VENUES CHANGE - Begins at the Art Gallery of St. Albert then goes to the Bacchus Cafe, ending at Progress Hall, white the words # some of our province's best writers come to life. • SAT APR 9, 1:00

MACEWAN UNIVERSITY CITY CENTRE 10700 104 AVE -The Parent Shift - Empowering Our Children Today and APR 9 www.literacvdav.ca

LIVING WITH LIVER DISEASE (CANADIAN LIVER FOUNDA-TION) UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA HOSPITAL 8440 NZ ST and Stages of Liver Disease, 8pm: Dr. Andrew Mason-What's New in PBC. Katz Group/

Revall Building - MON APR 11 6:30 PM Info: 780 444-1543

POFTRY READINGS ROUGE LOUINGE 10111 177 ST - With local poets. Info: 902-5900 - TUESDAYS AT 8:00 PM POETRY READINGS LEVA CAFE BAR 11053 8 AVE - Info 479-5382. EVERY THIRD SUNDAY

SHOWTIMES April 8 - April 14, 2011

METRO 9828-101A AVE ZEIDLER HALL, CITADEL THEATR 780-425-9212

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NO PASSES, DIGITAL PRESENTATION, EXCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT SAT 12:30, WED 6:30

SLAM @ THE CHAIR BLUE CHAIR CAFE 9624 - 76 AV NW - Rules of sport: max 10 tellers, 5-minute stories, random audience judges, tough time penalties, and our popular Audience Choice Award. - WED APR 13, 8:00 PM www.

STORY CAFE (TAILES) ROSIES RAR AND GRILL 10475 80 AVE - Story Telling series. Info: 932-4409. FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.

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BAR 11053 86 AVE - Edmonton's own storytelling even inspired by The Moth, contributors magnify moments

of their lives through stories, examinations and rumina-tions. SUN APP 10, 8:00 PM TRAVEL TALKS - EUROPE (TRAVEL CUTS) AUDREY'S BOOKS 10702 JASPER AVE - RSVP to 780 492-2756- TUE

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WRITER'S CORNER STANLEY AL MILITER LIBRARY 7 SIR
WINSTON CHURCHILL SQ. - The library hosts a different
author each month. - LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT

AN EVENING OF COURAGE AND INSPIRATION SHAW CONFERENCE CENTRE 9797 JASPER AVE - Benefitting the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, "Fire a other to see that is a final and cool indulgences. FRI APR 8, 6:00 PM Info: 780 734-6124 www.glennosefoundation.com
ARTICULTURE VARIOUS LOCATIONS VENUES CHANGE.

ant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards. - APR 7-10 www.

AVENUE OF HOPE GALA (LURANA SHELTER SOCIETY)
ITALIAN GULTURAL CENTRE 14230 133 AVE - Cocktails, HALIAN QUELINAL ENTIRE 14230 D3 AVE * CUCKAINS, 4-course dimens, silent & live auctions, entertainment, Heads or Tails game. Lurana Shelter benefit: 5AT APR 9, 5:30 PM Info^{*}780 422-7263 luranashelter.com BALLROOM DANCE GERMAN CANADIAN CULTURAL.

CENTRE 830 ROPER RD - Singles and couples welcome.
Tango, Two Step, Cha Cha, Waltz, Samba, dance away the
night! New members welcome. - FRIDAYS 8:00-11:30PM TIL. APR 29 WWW.gcta.ca

BALLROOM DANCE GERMAN CANADIAN CULTURAL

CENTRE 8310 ROPER RD - Cha cha, Rumba, Samba, Waltz slow Waltz, Two Step. Tango, etr. with DJ Tommy. FRI APR 8, 8:00 PM www.gcca.ca
CASTLE DOWNS FARMERS' MARKET MOOSE FAMILY

CENTRE 1081) 146 AVE - Featuring a large assortment of baking, eggs, meat, ducks, and preserved foods. Pet foods and accessories available. Year round. WEDNESDAYS AT

CHARITY FASHION SHOW (JOEFFER CAOC) LATITUDE 53 Children's Hospital, Silent &-live auctions, Last time, this event sold out. - FRI APR 8, 7:00 PM Info: 780 432-8001

CHURCH GARAGE & BAKE SALE RISEN LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10709 - 32A AVE - (Rent a table for \$25)- \$AT APR 9, 10:00AM-3:30PM Info: 780 440-6475

COMMUNITY ART NIGHT NINA HAGGERTY CENTRE 9704 111 AVE - Adult art session. - TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM Info:

DANCE (C-JAM BIG BAND) STONY PLAIN COMMUNITY CENTRE 5008 51 AVE, STONY PLAIN - No alcohol/No ing - SAT APR 9, 8:00 PM Info: 780 963-9349 www ciambigband.com

DISCO THROUGH THE DECADES LEDUC RECREATION CENTRE 4330 BLACK GOLD DR. LEDUC - Ladies Night Out: Entertainment, DJ. Dancing, Silent Auction, Door Prizes. Reserve tickets at Leduc Chamber office. - FRI APR 8, 8:00

EASTER BAKE SALE ST JOHNS CULTURAL CENTRE 106T

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-THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM Info: 780 474-7611
FAMILY DANCE KENILWORTH CL HALL 7104 87 AVE - No
unaccompanied children/teenagers. - SAT APR 9, 6:309:30PM www.kenilworthcommunity.com

FARMER'S MARKET ALBERTA AVENUE CL HALL 9210 118

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Notody but nobody has stuff the us grandmothers!-FRI & STA APR 8.4.9 etempgrandmothers.gr JEANS AND JEPSEY (ALBERTA DIABETES FOUNDATION) SAMMILL BANGUET AND CATERING CENTRE 3840 - 76. AVE - The Cooperators 77.0 Amanual sense & Besey Ohners and Auction: 880 buffet, sports celebrity appearances, games of chames, silent and live auction, the music. ATAPR 9. 600 PM fmir 78.0 49-600'S www.ard.dr.abs.a LIPESTYLE EXPOR & SALE SERVIS PLACE 400 CAMPBELL DOCUMENTS.

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Vendors from the popular Edmonton Downtown Farmers Market will offer an extraordinary selection of locally-produced merchandise. - SATURDAYS TIL MAY 14, AT 10:00

MAYOR'S CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS WINSPEAR CENTRE 9720 102 AVE - Mayor Stephen Mandel presents the Z4th Annual Celebration of the Arts, an evening of performance and recognition. • MON APR 11, 7:00 PM Info:

780 428-1414 www.winspearcentre.com

OPENING CELEBRATION GALLERY AT MILNER 7 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SQ - Imagine That, a group exhibit by Arch - FRI APR 8, 6:30 PM www.epl.ca

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OPENING RECEPTION JACKSON POWER AND ELECTRIC
BUILDING 9756 50 AVE - ten to the Power of ten group
show, food & beverages served - FRI APR 8, 7:00 PM
OUTGROWN IT SALE KENILWORTH CL HALL 7104 87 AVE

Nenitworth Playschool I've Outgrown It Sales SAT APR 9, 9:30AM-1:00PM www.kenilworthcommunity.com
PUPPY TRAINING DEMONSTRATION (DOGS WITH

WINGS) WEST EDMONTON MALL 8882 170 ST - Phase III. Lower Level in front of Chapters, demonstrating a specia puppy training class with our future assistance dogs. WED

APR 13, 12:00 PM www.dogswithwings.ca RECORDING STUDIO NETWORKING NIGHT (ALBERTA MUSIC INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION) BRIXX BAR & GRILL 10030-102 ST - Presented by Amia & The Starlite Musicians Club: for local recording studio owners, producers, and engineers, to meet and schmooze with local artists. • TUE

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SHREE RAM KATHA HINDU SOCIETY OF ALBERTA 14211
133 AVE - Ram Katha will be preached every day by Swami
Chadra Bhushan Ji Maharaj of Vrindavan, India.- 6:30-

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STORM THE STAGE (EDMONTON OPERA) JUBILEE AUDI-TORIUM TASS 57 AVE - Join us on the set of Tosca before opening night: mingle with cast members, visit backstage and best of all to party on stage - FRI APR 8, 7:00 PM Info:

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THE WORLD SPACE PARTY TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE 11211 142 ST · Yuri's Night to commemorate the 1st human space flight: IMAX, Full-Dome show, demonstrations, entertainment, snacks, cash bar, prizes, more. TUE APR 12, 7:00PM-MIDNIGHT Info: 780 451-3344 www

TUESDAY NIGHT DANCES MOOSE FAMILY CENTRE 1081) 146 AVE - Hosted by Bev Munro. - TUESDAYS 8-11PM Info: 780 974-4969

BABES IN ARMS AND LAPS CARROT COMMUNITY ARTS COFFEE HOUSE 953 TIB AV NW - Moms and little ones meet - FRIDAYS AT 10:00 AM FOOD ADDICTS ST. LIJKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 8424 95

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PUBLIC LIBRARY 8331 104 ST - Upstairs in the Community Room. All are welcome. SECOND THU OF EACH MONTH AT

7PM www.fairvote.ca
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL 16940 87 AVE - Weekly support meetings.- SATURDAYS AT 17:00 AM Info: 780 423-2546

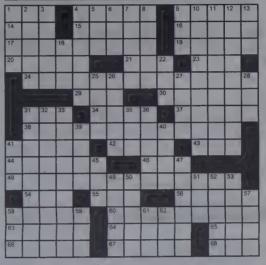
RUG HOOKING WOODVALE ACTIVITY CENTER 5804 39 AVE - Leam the Canadian craft & enjoy an afternoon with members of the Edmonton Traditional Rug hooking.

Guild. Basement, east entry.- SATURDAYS AT ZPM. Info:

SUIT UP AND SHOW UP: AA BIG BOOK STUDY PRIDE CENTRE 9540 111 AVE - Discussion and support group for those struggling with an alcohol addiction or seeking support in staying sober. SATURDAYS AT 12:00 PM
WALK ALBERTA (ST, ALBERT TREKKERS VOLKSSPORT

CLUB) CASTLEDOWNS YMCA 11510 153 AVE - Please join ut for a 5-or 10-Km wallk around a beautiful lake and through some residential areas. Meet inside the VMCA.-SAT APR 9, 1:30 PM www.trekkerswalks.ca

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ART CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS HARCOURT
HOUSE GALLERY 3RD FLR, 10215 112 ST · Drawing and sculpture to monsters and painted phierts: spring Art



HULK ON THE JOB

WHAT A MORNING HE'S HAD.

JONESIN' CROSSWORD by Matt Jones @2011. Jonesin' Crosswords (editor@jonesincrosswords.com)

1 Memorable time period

4 Screw-up

9 Via (ancient Roman road)

14 Gnarly

15 Long-snouted critter

16 Prince William's mother

17 8:53 AM: "Hulk punch !"

19 Others, in Oaxaca

20 Netflix list

21 Bumped into

23 Shortened, like a dict.

24 9:15 AM: With 38-across, "Hulk

smash ___!"

29 Detoxifying place

30 More pale in complexion

31 "Don't do drugs" ad, for short

34 Days before the big day

37 " Marner"

38 See 24-across

41 Beck who claims not to polarize

42 Skeezy look

43 1960s campus protest gp. restarted in 2006

44 Tijuana Brass bandleader Herb

46 ___ Khan

48 10:02 AM: "Hulk attack ___!" 54 Part of a i

55 Cousin of Eur. and N. Amer.

56 Not static

58 Done, on some movie screens

60 10:44 AM: "Hulk break ___!" 63 Pear-shaped instruments

64 Berlusconi's country

65 Jollies

66 "___ Peculiar Man" (Simon &

Garfunkel song)

67 Tag cry

68 Do some surveillance

DOWN

1 La Salle on eight seasons of "ER" 2 Amassed, as a phone bill

3 Cost to run a spot in a newspaper

4 Make abundantly clear

5 "I don't right reckon so"

7 Terra

9 "Much ___ About Nothing"

10 Really crunchy food



11 Put in hot water, but only for a little bit

12 Owing

13 ___ in "aardvark"

18 " Gang"

22 "La-la" lead-in

25 Frank

26 Target of gazing

77 To be Lat.

78 AMA members

31 Precious metal that's element #46

32 Enters, as a stage

33 Pardons to large groups of people

35 Suffix ending many languages

36 Avoid the euphemisms

39 Cross inscription

40 Cogito follower

41 Leg, to a film noir detective

45 New Deal prog.

47 Four-time Indy 500 winner

49 "It's ___ Science" (G4 show)

50 Prefix before type or planet

51 Dobby, in "Harry Potter"

52 Links go there

53 Hog, as a phone line 57 "You other brothers can't ___..

(Sir Mix-A-Lot line)

58 Tallahassee's st.

59 Fast transport: abbr.

61 Squealer

62 151, to Claudius

6 Where to get mil. mail

8 "Did I do that?" character

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EEN IT LIVE - GREAT GIGS YOU MISSED LAST WEEK



M.A.D.E. chairman Nadir Bellahmer plays loops into a recording device following a speech by Berlin public art designer Axel Lieber at the AGA last week. Lieber's collective, inges idee, is resonsible for Running Track - a permanent installation outside the new Terwillegar rec centre. [PHOTO BY FISH GRIWKOWSKY

Classes for people big and small (and everyone in between). • TIL JUN TI Info: 780 426-4180 harcourthouseartistruncentre.blogspot.com

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MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM Info: 780 485-2515
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CLOWIN CERRAN LING AND PRINCIPLES SEQUENCIAN AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE BY SERVICE OF COMMITTEE COMMITTE

of making Stocks, Soups, Sauces, Main-Course, Desserts and Presentation with internationally trained Red-Seal Chef Vino.- DAILY FROM APR 7 TO APR 13, AT 10:00 AM Info:

EDMONTON'S BILINGUAL TOASTMASTER'S CLUB
CAMPUS SAINT-JEAN 8406 MARIE-ANNE-GABOURY (91
ST) - Develop communication, leadership, and public speaking skills in both English and French. 3-22, Pavillon FACILITATED DRUM CIRCLES DANCE PERCUSSION

STUDIO 7252 IOI AVE - Learn traditional West African hand drumming. - TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM Info: 780 485-2515
FLAMENCO DANCE CLASSES (JUDITH GARCIA) BEDOUIN BEATS STUDIO 11805 94 ST - - SATURDAYS AT 1:00 PM Info

HEART DANCE WESTMOUNT FITNESS CLUB 12840 109
AVE, EDMONTON - Exploring creative expression of the
body through music. - WEDNESDAYS AT 7:15 PM Info: 780

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Bein' full o' flame is your claim to fame, Aries. You're full o' flame. Unless you're burnin' things up, you just ain't happy. Thankfully this is a per-fect week for you to blaze a trail to triumph. Here's a tip, though: none of that touchy-feely stuff is allowed. Your belly may have fire in it, but you ain't gonna be able to make the changes that are needed for real unless your nerves are cold as steel!

TAURUS (APRIL 20 - MAY 20)

Bein' an Earth sign, you're much bet-ter off lookin' at the bottom line. We're not strictly talkin' cash here, either. Earth signs are natural nurturers and that don't need to have nothin' to do with dineros. Invest something besides dollars this weekend and the dividends will be dyn-o-mite!

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

You've gotta give up this victim crap if you wanna get anywhere. Just 'cause xistence can be hard doesn't mean they're all out to get you. You make your own decisions and you're responsible for 'em, so build something outta what you have or go out and get what you want. Ain't nobody else who's gonna choose better for you!

CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 22)

You Water signs ain't ones to make waves, but this week it's worth it. Tryin' not to take a stand will make you seem dumb, lame and bland. For once, let 'em know what you think and, believe it or not, you'll wind up in the pink!

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG. 22)

Do not gnash your teeth and growl at those who make your life more com-plicated this week. It may be a thorn in your paw and make things tougher on you, but c'mon, you've been a lazy little pussy cat lately. You need something to sharpen your claws on. This is

VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22)

Defore you get too big for your britches, you'd better realize your badass ain't as bad as you figure it is. In fact, don't be too surprised to find out just how tender your tushie is this week when a cycle of change reaches its

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22)

Like the scales that represent you, sometimes you can get out of balance pretty easily. As much as it may seem to be an uphill battle to find your way back to the base line, you do have the ability to bring yourself there. That is, as long as you check your behaviour and are somewhat self-aware!

SCORP!O (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21)

Okay, we've had enough already! Time to get rid of this weak-ass stay at home stuff. You may think it's the worst thing you can do, but bein' social right now is the best thing for you. Now's the time to translate a strong presence into strong presents!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21) Yeah, that's right, you world beater, you. There's always a price to pay

when you reach the pinnacle of suc cess. Mainly, it's the realization you can climb to the top of a pile of crap. Perhaps it's time for loftier pursuits?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 19)

Listen, goat: just 'cause spring has sprung and another year is done, it don't mean you're outta the woods yet. You've gotta start puttin' on some fat for next winter, especially with the slimmer pickin's of moss on the rocks this year. Better start grazin' now!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)

Seems like there's some creepy cosmic forces at play this week when you have to ask yourself if it's luck or whether you actually willed it to be. Well, who cares? Why waste this wonderful wealth by worrying about where it came from, especially when it's gonna be gone so soon?

PISCES (FFR. 19 - MARCH 20)

Y'know the symbol for your sign, the li'l bitty fishies facin' either way? Well, that sums up the problem you'll deal with this week - tryin' to swim in two different directions simultaneously. Take some time to figure out what your true direction is or instead of deep in the ocean, you'll be up the

SAVAGE (cont'd from p. 30)

As this woman had good personal hygiene overall, VOICE, it's unlikely that washcloth would've solved the problem. She may have had bacterial vaginosis, the most common cause of rank vaginal odor, or an untreated case of chlamydia or gonorrhea. As hard as "Something's not right down here" is to hear, particularly for some

we got together and blew up. He got in my face and called me a slut. He threatened my safety when I told him to leave. He demanded to know who took the pictures (cameras have timers!) and to whom I was sending them (myself!). I broke up with him, but then took him back. We have since talked about my "fetish"; he still does not like it and wants all

A boyfriend who's uncomfortable with your fetish is one thing. A boyfriend who's a threatening, insecure, controlling, irrational ASSHOLE about your fetish is another thing entirely. Someone invested in your sexual fulfilment, someone who loves and supports you, would not tell you to stop, or make accusations, or react like such a fucking baby. And someone who didn't have sexist

BELIEVE TO BE EVIDENCE - EVEN IF THEY'RE WRONG - THAT THEIR GIRLFRIENDS HAVE BEEN WITH OTHER GUYS BEFORE THEM. THEY HAVE ISSUES.

women, you didn't do her any favours by not speaking up - sensitively and compassionately - because if she did have a medical issue, she needed to seek treatment.

I am an attractive, "normal" 24-year-old female who enjoys taking pictures of myself nude for my own personal use. I delete most pictures, but I keep some on my laptop for my viewing only. My snoop boyfriend found some pictures that were taken before

the pictures erased. To be honest, these pictures are not all that important to me, but the way he reacted is. To me, he showed he does not trust me and never will.

The pictures may not be important to you, SLUT, but your autonomy, your safety, and your right to take enjoyment in and from your own damn body should be. So you're going to have to DTMFAST - dump the motherfucker a second time.

hang-ups wouldn't make a distinction between the pictures you took after you met and the ones you had taken before you met. Beware of boys who freak out after stumbling onto what they believe to be evidence - even if they're wrong - that their girlfriends have been with other guys

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'A Weirdo Red Flag'



HOW CAN SHE TELL THAT THE MAN WHO ASKS FOR A DATE IS NOT AN ABUSIVE JERK

I came out as trans-something/ genderqueer three years ago. I was born male but live my life predominately as female. I'm 25 now. Coming out involved accepting that it would complicate my ever finding someone. I haven't dated since.

really like a relationship with you." That sounded like a weirdo red flag. I told him, "We'll see." but agreed to the date.

I don't know the rules and I'm a panicked mess. I know to meet in a public place, in the afternoon, tell people about it - all the safety stuff - but I am afraid that he's a creep. But no one has ever told me before that I'm pretty. While I'm not ugly, I'm not passable. My questions:

- 1. Was he way too creepy to go on that date?
- 2. Was agreeing to a date smart or dumb?
- 3. Am I acting out of desperation?
- 4. The great unanswerable: How do I get the giddy 13-year-old in-

If he comes across as nice at first but it turns out that he's an asshole or a creep, and if he begins to treat you like you're stuck with him because no one else will ever want you (not true - remember my inbox!), dump the motherfucker. It's better to be alone than to be with an asshole who preys on your insecurities to keep you coming back for more abuse. 4. I have no idea. I'm almost 10 years older than you and I'm still battling my inner/giddy 13-year-old.

I'm a hetero male in my late 30s, and this incident took place over a decade ago, but I've felt guilty about it ever since. I was at a convention and ended up having a one-night stand with a lovely woman. When I moved

DON'T LET YOUR DESPERATION - THE WORRY THAT YOU WON'T EVER MEET ANYONE ELSE WHO'S INTERESTED IN A GIRL LIKE YOU -CONVINCE YOU TO SETTLE FOR A SHITTY AND/OR ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP.

My problem: Today, a guy my age asked me out while making me a sandwich in a cafe. He told me I was very pretty and asked if he could take me out. I gave him my number. Before I left, he said, "I'd side to grow up so the 25-year-old can navigate safely in the dating

Does Understand Men Basically

1. My inbox sags under the weight of e-mails from straight/straightidentified guys who are desperate to meet transwomen/trans-somethings, and not all of them prefer passables. So it's possible that this guy saw trans-something, unpassable you and decided to go for it because you're everything he's ever wanted. If he's one of those guys who are into transwomen and/or bornmale-trans-genderqueers-who-liveas-female-but-aren't-quite-passable, DUMB, it's also possible that he's never had a chance to meet someone like you before (you're not thick on the ground), and nerves and/or inexperience caused him to fumble the pass. The only way to determine if nerves made him come across as creepy or if he's genuinely creepy is to go on that date

2. Smart. Even if it turns out that he's a creep, even if you never see him again, being open to people and taking risks - while at the same time taking all reasonable safety precautions (particularly important for transwomen, who face a much higher risk of violence at the hands of the sometimes deeply conflicted, self-loathing straight guys who are attracted to/resent transwomen) - is the only way that anyone ever manages to find love.

3. Yes, DUMB, you are acting out of desperation - you and everybody else. Just don't let your desperation the worry that you won't ever meet a shitty and/or abusive relationship.

to go down on her, something I enjoy doing, she had a really, really, really smelly area. This woman did not have bad body odor in general; she had good hygiene. I managed to shift gears and brought her off with touch. but she pleaded with me to go down on her and I didn't. That made things awkward. I didn't say anything about the smell to her, because I know that many women are self-conscious about vaginal odor.

My sex etiquette question for you: If you're with someone, and suddenly you discover that her private parts - or his - smell like something with a passed expiration date, what is the best way to handle it? Excuse yourself from bed and grab a washcloth for them? Grit your teeth and go down anyway, in an effort to be GGG, no matter how ill it might make you?

Vagina Odors Inform Cautious

I realize that women can be sensitive about any suggestion of unpleasant vaginal odor - we can blame those "feminine hygiene" commercials as well as all those inexperienced boyfriends who react negatively to a vagina's natural, healthy odor because they didn't get the "spice" part of the "sugar and spice" memo. But as a general rule: The people you invite to stick their nose in your crotch, twat, sack, crack, etc. are allowed to form opinions about how you smell down there and share them with you. While it's unpleasant to be told your crotch stanks, it's much more unpleasant to find your nose tucked in someone's SAVAGE cont'd on p. 29



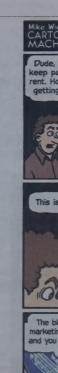
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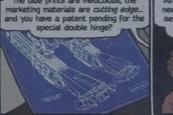
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